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**This November issue provides you, our readers, with one final opportunity to vote for the World Soccer personalities of this year. The three categories in our awards remain as follows:**

Costa Rica's manager Bora Milutinovic

Of course, in World Cup year, most of the attention and focus has been on the stars of Italia '90. Thus it is inevitable that many votes have already been attracted by the claims of West Germany's Lothar Matthaus and Jurgen Klinsmann, or by Argentine skipper Diego Maradona – playing despite a toe injury which would have ruled him out of the league action – or by Italy's Toto Schillaci.

England's Paul Gascoigne and David Platt, Cameroon's Roger Milla and Francois Omam Biyik are others with claims on your votes.

In the manager award, the likes of Franz Beckenbauer cannot be ignored. But then, other managers – such as Bora Milutinovic and Francisco Maturana – made their presence felt at the highest levels.

Yet the World Cup was not the only major action of the year. The South American club cup has seen major tussles involving Bebeto's Vasco da Gama and Rene Higuita's Atletico Nacional as well as Barcelona of Ecuador and Olimpia of Paraguay; in Europe, Ruud Gullit returned to duty in time to help Milan retain the Champions' Cup, Gianluca Vialli's goals brought Sampdoria their first international prize in the Cup-winners' Cup while Juventus, amid controversy over their impending world record capture of Roberto Baggio, regained the UEFA Cup.

Lothar Matthaus – top contender

South America's Vasco Da Gama

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# More shocks feared after Roma doping scandal

FROM PADDY AGNEW

THE Roma doping scandal has sent shock waves through Italian soccer.

The initial response was a one-year ban imposed by the federation on Andrea Carnevale and Angelo Peruzzi, both found positive at dope tests following a league game on September 23.

But the revelations raise more questions than answers. What exactly was the substance taken by the players? Did it improve their performance in a game which Roma won 1-0 thanks to a goal from, irony of ironies, striker Carnevale?

Why did the two players and the Roma President, Dino Viola, offer three different and contradictory explanations as to how traces of Fentermina were found in their urine samples? Are the Roma medical staff correct when they suggest that a wide variety of easily available medicaments ranging from weight watcher's pills to anti-flu pills all contain prohibited substances?

What did Carnevale mean by his suggestion that he had been silenced by his club?

Finally, and perhaps most disturbing, how many other footballers regularly use some form of illegal stimulant to (they hope) improve athletic performance?

The latest Italian soccer scandal is quickly recounted but less quickly explained. Following the discovery that they had been found positive at routine testing subsequent to the game with Bari, Peruzzi and Carnevale, informed the federation's investigating magistrate that they had taken a weight watcher's pill called "Lipopill".

Both players claimed that they took this pill following an over-expansive restaurant meal on the Wednesday night before the Bari game. On that Wednesday night, Roma had defeated Benfica 1-0 (thanks again to a Carnevale goal) in the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie. According to the two players, the post-victory celebrations went on too long and became too lavish.

Worried that they might have put on too much weight, both players agreed to use a slimmer's pill, supplied by Peruzzi's mother. Or so they and their president claimed.

Not that the federation disciplinary board believed them, pointing out that the three contradictory versions of events provided by the accused undermined Roma's credibility. The board added that it did not believe the prohibited substance in question had been consumed via the product, "Lipopill".

Adding further intrigue, Carnevale went on television on the day after the board's sentencing to say: "I would have told the truth right from the start but the club forced me to remain silent".

What truth would he have told, "right from the start"? Perhaps the same truth as has been told by colleagues in the last few days, many of whom claim that it is almost impossible these days to avoid taking a "prohibited" substance.

Milan winger Roberto Donadoni, for instance, recalled being on the point of taking cough medicine during the night because of a ticklish throat. At three in the morning, just as he was about to take the medicine, he decided to check with the team doctor who told him that the cough syrup in question contained a "prohibited" substance.

Andrea Carnevale

### Severe

By and large, the footballing profession believes that the sentence imposed on the players is too severe. Many players point to a world of difference between the stimulants taken by the two Roma players and the variety of anabolic steroids taken by Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson, and other track and field athletes.

For the time being, the Roma case remains unresolved with the board's sentence due to be tested at appeal. However, should the sentences be upheld, they will serve as examples to others.

For 30-year-old Carnevale, a year's enforced absence just at the very moment when he has lost his place in the Italian national side (mainly because of a certain Schillaci) could mean the premature end to a successful career which had seen him win two Italian championships and one UEFA Cup with Napoli, before his transfer to Roma this summer.

For Peruzzi, 22, the first-choice Roma goalkeeper, the ban will probably prove less crucial. He has plenty of time in which to reshape his career.

● BARCELONA failed in their attempt to become the first club from Ecuador to win the Copa Libertadores, losing 3-1 on aggregate to Olimpia of Paraguay. See page 44.

● IRAN won the Asia games, after a 16-year gap beating North Korea 4-1 on penalties after 0-0 draw.

## DON'T SHORT-CHANGE SOCCER

FIFA'S latest proposal, to increase the size of goals, may be a good idea or a bad idea.

That is almost immaterial to the growing suspicion that too many influences within the world game want change for its own sake.

FIFA president Joao Havelange has, for years, been a leading proponent of increasing the goal size. He thinks this will make scoring easier and thus inspire an increase in attendances. West German boss Berti Vogts and Internazionale coach Giovanni Trapattoni agree with him. French manager Michel Platini and former Czechoslovak chief Jozef Venglos are against. Platini thinks bigger goals will inspire only more defensive football.

Either way, a proper study is necessary for the International Board to consider. No more of this nonsense about rushing through a decision in time for the next World Cup.

Soccer's strength over the past 150 years has been the simplicity of its rules and the conservatism with which it has defended them. That same conservatism should be applied to whatever proposals are thrown up in the race to Americanise soccer in time for World Cup'94.

The game should not reject innovative ideas merely because they are new. But the value of any change to the fabric of the laws should be considered long and seriously. Commercial expediency should have absolutely no bearing on the process.

# Maradona money mystery

DIEGO MARADONA flew back to Argentina amid increasing speculation about the state of his business and financial situation.

Maradona obtained permission to fly home immediately after announcing that he had parted company with Guillermo Coppola, the Argentine financial adviser who had been his agent since 1985.

Napoli officials insisted that Maradona would return in time for the Champions' Cup second round tie against Moscow Spartak but many fans feared a repeat of last year's stay-away saga.

Meanwhile Argentina's new manager, Alfio 'Coco' Basile, insisted that he wants Maradona to reconsider his decision to quit international soccer.

Basile was the unanimous choice of the AFA executive committee to succeed Carlos Bilardo, who resigned after the World Cup finals this summer. Basile said: "I know Maradona said after the World Cup that he was finished with international football.

But I think that may have been in the heat of the moment.

"By the time the next World Cup comes around he will be well past his peak but he would undoubtedly be an asset to any side."

Basile was a member of the Racing Club side who beat Celtic in the infamous 1967 World Club play-off in Montevideo.

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# GERMANY UNITED —OUT GOES THE GDR

*The big shock in the 1974 World Cup finals as Jurgen Sparwasser's shot beats Sepp Maier to give East Germany a sensational win.*

*Dynamo Dresden's Ulf Kirsten has been sold to Bayer Leverkusen.*

**BY ARTHUR ROTMIL**

**THE 21st of November, 1990 will be an historic day for Germany, and for European football. For the first time two hitherto separate federations, both established members of UEFA and FIFA, will merge to be controlled from Frankfurt at first, but later probably from Berlin, which will no doubt become once again the capital of a united Germany.**

The political unification took place on October 3, the two Football Federations, the DFB (West) and the DFV (East), joining forces exactly seven weeks later.

On that day the GDR will play its final, though unofficial, international match against West Germany. What should have been a European Championship qualifying group match will become a symbolic meeting of prestige value, a sort of testimonial, or farewell (to Franz Beckenbauer) encounter, between those at last united "brothers".

It is indeed fitting that the venue for this final neighbouring confrontation is the city of Leipzig where the first German FA was founded in January 1900.

It will certainly be an emotional and nostalgic occasion, especially for the "Easterners" in their 294th and last international.

Their team manager Eduard Geyer (their 16th in some 40 years), will step down, while the squad too will be disbanded; several members already earn their keep with Bundesliga clubs in the West.

The East German FA (DFV) will be dissolved and incorporated into the West German DFB, while a new North-East division will be created with six regional FA's. Thus, the GDR will vanish from the records certainly in the Western half which never recognised officially the existence of another independent German state, but always regarded what they called the 'Ost-zone' (Eastern Zone), as a temporary political creation imposed after the war by the victorious Allies.

The West Germans only grudgingly acknowledged the foundation of the 'Deutsche Demokratische Republik' (German Democratice Republic), or DDR for short.

In order to ease the East German passage into the full professional setup in the West, their champions and runners up will be admitted to the First Bundesliga, which will accordingly be enlarged from 18 to 20 clubs, at least for the time being.

Six further Eastern clubs will be integrated into the Second Division, at first to be run in two sections of 12 clubs each, with the East Germans represented by three teams in each group.

How long the clubs from the East will be able to hold their own in the Bundesliga is a matter of conjecture. Undoubtedly with the exception of one or two (Dynamo Dresden, Magdeburg), they will be hard pushed to keep up economically with their richer cousins in the West.

Already Dresden, like the renamed FC Berlin, have lost the cream of their players who eagerly hired on in the Bundesliga.

The vast majority of clubs from the East exist on modest gates and now that the state grants will be abolished, it is difficult to see how they can fulfil the financial demands placed by the DFB on the professional clubs before they are issued with a licence.

No other sporting fraternity in Europe will be so hard hit by the conversion to free market economy as East Germany. The old regime for all its faults and virtually dictatorial constitution, as a one party state, did guarantee its citizens full employment, free education, health and child care.

Many top sportsmen and women led privileged lives as members of an elite social class. Now in East Germany there are already one million unemployed, some 150 athletics coaches have been sacked, while the football clubs too will have to fend for themselves in the future.

## Easier

Of course, while in athletics, swimming, gymnastics, cycling and rowing the East German performers belonged to the world's super class, the footballers were never able to match them for success, apart from one Olympic gold medal (1976).

Naturally it is easier to produce top individuals (and they did with the help of so-called 'laboratories'), than create super teams.

Thus, the East German teams, whether at national or club level, have rarely scaled the heights of their compatriots in other mostly individual sports.

Magdeburg was the only GDR club to win a European trophy, the Cup Winners' Cup in 1974. Carl Zeiss Jena and Lokomotive Leipzig were finalists in the same competition in 1981 and 1987, respectively.

The national side's biggest success was the defeat of West Germany in the 1974 World Cup (the only time they reached the final stage); the same West Germans who went on to win the tournament.

The GDR produced a number of outstanding players, like striker Joachim Streich, who played for Hansa Rostock and Magdeburg. He scored 229 league goals and 55 for the national side, for whom he played in 102 internationals – all three figures are East German records.

The next most capped player was 'libero' Hans-Jurgen Doerner of Dynamo Dresden (100 internationals). Other stars were winger Eberhard Vogel of Karl-Marx-Stadt and Carl Zeiss Jena (74 caps), Peter Ducke from Carl Zeiss Jena (68 caps), Hans-Jurgen Kreische of Dynamo Dresden (50 caps) and goalkeeper Jurgen Croy from Sachsenring Zwickau (94 caps). With the exception of Kreische they were all Footballers of the Year in the GDR.

The FA, the DFV (Deutscher Fussball-Verband der DDR), was founded in 1948, in that year the league championship was started, and became affiliated to FIFA in 1952, when they also played their first official international against Poland. They boast nearly 6,000 clubs with a total of almost 30,000 teams, including those in the youth category.

But of the 57,770 footballers, not one was registered as a professional, or even non-amateur. For their clubs were never run on a professional basis.

Since there was no private enterprise, there was no commercial sponsorship, or promotion and the sports clubs existed mainly thanks to local government subsidies.

All the "Dynamo" clubs were controlled by the police, including the dreaded 'Stasi' (Staats-Sicherheitsdienst), or state security service, militia and customs units.

"Vorwarts" were army teams, "Motor" the machine, car and other transport works. "Empor", trade and coalmining, etc.

All were controlled centrally by politically orientated authorities who gave priority to the more successful sports, like athletics for example. Those who were deemed less important, because of lack of success, like tennis, hockey, water polo and table tennis, received little state support.

Team sports were generally not granted the same talent development schemes. In fact football was ranked only 18th (till 1983), in the list of "important" sports – later promoted to ninth.

This meant that those associations placed in the top group had priority and first choice. That is why only ten per cent of the East German youngsters played football – in other countries the ratio is 40 to 60 per cent. Not surprisingly numerous soccer clubs were impoverished.

There was no money from television, pools, or even transfers. These did not exist as such, the players being simply ordered, or as they called it, "delegated" from one club to another on instructions from above.

The most successful clubs were Dynamo Berlin, ten times champions, and Dynamo Dresden, seven times. Dresden also won the DFV-Cup a record seven times, ahead of Carl Zeiss Jena and Lokomotive Leipzig, five times winners each.

Berlin's ten league wins were achieved in a row between 1979 and 1988, thus establishing a European record. But there were constant accusations, some not without substance, that referees were ordered to favour the police club which became the most hated in the country and attracted on average gates of only 7,000.

Dynamo Dresden, on the other hand, although also controlled by the Ministry of Interior, are still the most popular with over 23,000 fans on average per home match.

But generally attendances were down in the Oberliga, dropping to 8,303 on average. Some clubs have now changed their name. For example Dynamo Berlin became just FC Berlin, while FC Karl-Marx-Stadt are now Calling themselves Chemnitzer FC.

The manipulation of results in favour of Dynamo Berlin has driven a lot of fans away from football. Subsequently a number of players and coaches defected in recent years, all to West Germany's Bundesliga.

They had to sit out the statutory FIFA one-year ban, before becoming eligible to represent their new clubs. They could no longer stand the continual machinations behind the scenes, by officials obviously acting on directives from higher authority,"arranging" transfers of players, blatantly favouring some clubs to the detriment of others, influencing referees, thus falsifying results of matches and the outcome of competitions.

Now of course, the movement is no longer restricted, although the West Germans have to pay transfer fees which helps the East Germans, even though the player drain weakens their potential.

The first East German star to be transferred with official blessing to a Bundesliga club, and become a full professional, was the Dynamo Berlin striker Andreas Thom, 24.

Capped 50 times and with seven years experience at the top, he is now an invaluable pillar of Bayer Leverkusen who paid £1 million for him. Thom is earning an estimated £130,000 a year having become a regular.

## Cluster

He was followed in the summer break by a cluster of others, mainly international stars: Ulf Kirsten, Dynamo Dresden, also to Leverkusen for £1.2 million; Matthias Sammer, Dynamo Dresden to VfB Stuttgart for £740,000; Uwe Weidemann from Rot-weiss Erfurt to FC Nurnberg for £180,000; Thomas Doll and Frank Rohde, both from FC Berlin to Hamburger SV for a total of £800,000; Rainer Ernst from FC Berlin to Kaiserslautern for £250,000. Other moves included several to the Second Division for lesser fees.

But the traffic hasn't been exactly one-way. So far two coaches and two players have moved from West to East.

The first to take the plunge was William Hartwig who played for six West German and one Austrian club, twice for the national side and managed FC Augsburg. He took over in East Germany the newly promoted Chemie FSV Bohlen, who now also changed their name to Sachsen Leipzig.

Uwe Reinders, who played for five clubs in West Germany and two in France, capped four times and then managed Eintracht Brunswick, is now in charge of Hansa Rostock.

Of the players Peter Lux (27) left Waldhof Mannheim and joined Dynamo Dresden for £150,000, on a two-year contract, while Serio Allievi (26) was released by Kaiserslautern also to Dresden, for £200,000. Dresden had the money because they sold five players to Bundesliga clubs. More "Westerners" could be joining clubs in East Germany, especially those who are engaging private sponsors.

Reaction to the new footballing "Germany United" was predictably mixed. Bundesliga clubs are concerned by organisational and economic problems. Many are worried that the eastern clubs will become a burden on the westerners. Some are uneasy about the added competition in the lower division.

The East German clubs are generally keen to join the Bundesliga, but feel they can realistically only hope to establish themselves in the Second Division.

Top clubs are unhappy about their loss of the best players which might serious prejudice their chances. To that end some of them have started recruiting footballers from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and even America; they are also banking on increased income from commercial sponsorship and player transfers.

Plus, of course, bigger gates when they play Western opposition. Bundesliga clubs have a tremendous following in the East and their matches have been seen regularly on television.

The reuniting of the two Germany's is of course a great boost to the national squad. New team manager Berti Vogts remarked: "We shall welcome the East German players after November 21 with open arms."

He has already earmarked such stars as Matthias Sammer, Andreas Thom, Ulf Kirsten, Rico Steinmann and 'keeper Perry Brautigam, as possible candidates for his widening selection circle.

It is generally assumed that an all-German team will take the field in a friendly on March 27, 1991 in Frankfurt against, ironically enough, the Soviet Union – the last country to have rubber-stamped German unification.

East German clubs will continue to play till the end of the season in the European cup competitions. And the DFV-Cup will also carry on till the conclusion in the spring of next year.

But there have also been some warning voices. Former West German international Gunter Netzer says: "The playing standards in the DDR-Oberliga are clearly not as high as in the Bundesliga. They lack foreign coaches and players.

"If any of their players wants to join the Bundesliga that's okay. But I would be against their footballers coming over in droves to play in the Second Division, or for the amateurs. What we should aim at is to extend the commercial sponsorship, television rights, advertising on hoardings and on shirts, so that they can keep their best players at home."

Another of West Germany's all time greats, Gerd Muller, poured cold water on a reunited Germany.

"Even their top players are simply not good enough to displace our current internationals. The same goes for their clubs. Only Magdeburg and Dynamo Dresden should be admitted to the Bundesliga, but they would soon be relegated.

"Their gates are generally low and they have too little money to keep up the standards we have set up, thanks to powerful financial backing. Their organisation, financial potential and playing level are inferior and they still have a lot to learn."

## Leader

The speeding up of the unification of Germany was, of course, primarily politically motivated. Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his Christian Democratic Union party are facing general elections soon and their leader wanted to become the second man in history (after Bismarck), to unify Germany.

But now the West German tax payers are beginning to realise that it will cost them some £30 billion to raise the run down economy of the East, this "knackers yard", on its feet.

And sport, too, will be facing a new challenge, deprived of state protection and subsidies. The West Germans have set aside £2 million to help the clubs who are joining the Bundesliga and may experience hardship. But who will help those abandoned to their own devices?

Already the surplus six clubs from their First Division (Oberliga), who will not be allowed into the West German league and will not get a professional licence, will have to drop down to the amateur ranks and oblivion.

This is the price they will have to pay for the dissolution of the now defunct 'German Democratic Republic'.

## EAST GERMANY'S TOP THREE SEASON BY SEASON

**1949-1950**
HORCH ZWICKAU S.G. Friederichstadt Waggonbau Dessau
**1950-51**
CHEMIE LEIPZIG Turbine Erfurt Motor Zwickau
**1951-1952**
TURBINE ERFURT VP Dresden Chemie Leipzig
**1952-1953**
DYNAMO DRESDEN Wismut Aue Motor Zwickau
**1953-1954**
TURBINE ERFURT Chemie Leipzig Dynamo Dresden
**1954-1955**
TURBINE ERFURT Wismut Stadt Rotation Leipzig
**1956**
WISMUT K.M. STADT Aktivist Brieske Lokomotive Leipzig
**1957**
WISMUT K.M. STADT Vorwaerts Berlin Rotation Leipzig
**1958**
VORWAERTS BERLIN Motor Jena Aktivist Brieske
**1959**
WISMUT K.M. STADT Vorwaerts-Berlin BFC Dynamo
**1960**
VORWAERTS BERLIN BFC Dynamo Lokomotive Leipzig
**1961-1962**
VORWAERTS BERLIN SC Empor BFC Dynamo
**1962-1963**
MOTOR JENA SC Empor Vorwaerts Berlin
**1963-1964**
CHEMIE LEIPZIG SC Empor SC Leipzig
**1964-1965**
VORWAERTS BERLIN Motor Jena Chemie Leipzig
**1965-1966**
VORWAERTS BERLIN FC Jena Lokomotive Leipzig
**1966-1967**
FC KARLMARXSTADT Lokomotive Leipzig Motor Zwickau
**1967-1968**
CARL ZEISS FC Hansa I.FC Magdeburg
**1968-1969**
VORWAERTS BERLIN Carl Zeiss I. FC Magdeburg
**1969-1970**
CARL ZEISS Vorwaerts Berlin Dynamo Dresden
**1970-1971**
DYNAMO DRESDEN Carl Zeis Chemie Halle
1971-1972
I.FC MAGDEBURG BFC Dynamo Dynamo Dresden
**1972-1973**
DYNAMO DRESDEN Carl Zeiss I.FC Magdeburg
**1973-1974**
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**1974-1975**
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**1980-1981**
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**1981-1982**
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**1982-1983**
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**1986-1987**
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**1987-1988**
BFC DYNAMO Lokomotive Leipzig Dynamo Dresden
**1988-1989**
DYNAMO DRESDEN BFC Dynamo FC Stadt
**1989-1990**
DYNAMO DRESDEN I FC Magdeburg FC Stadt

## EAST GERMANY'S CUP FINALS

**1949 Waggonbau Dessau – Gera Sud 1-0**
**1950 EHW Thale – KWU Erfurt 4-0**
**1951 –**
**1952 VP Dresden – SC Einheit Pankow 3-0**
**1953 – 1954 Vortwaerts Berlin – Motor Zwickau 2-1**
**1955 Wismut Staddt – Empor Rostock 3-2**
**1956 Chemie Halle – Vorwaerts Berlin 2-1**
**1957 Lokomotive Leipzig – Empor Rostock 2-1**
**1958 Einheit Dresden – Lokomotive Leipzig 2-1**
**1959 Dynamo Berlin – Wismut K.M. Stadt 0-0, 3-2**
**1960 Motor Jena – Emor Rostock 3-2**
**1961 – 1962 Chemie Halle – BFC Dynamo Berlin 3-1**
**1963 Motor Zwickau – Chemie Zeitz 3-0**
**1964 Aufbau Magdeburg – SC Leipzig 3-2**
**1965 Aufbau Magdeburg – Motor Jena 2-1**
**1966 Chemie Leipzig – Lokomotive Stendal 1-0**
**1967 Motor Zwickau – Hansa Rostock 3-0**
**1968 Union Berlin – Carl Zeiss Jena 2-1**
**1969 I.FC Magdeburg – FC K.M. Stadt 4-0**
**1970 Vorwaerts Berlin – Lokomotive Leipzig 4-2**
**1971 Dynamo Dresden – BFC Dynamo Berlin 2-1**
**1972 Carl Ziss Jena – Dynamo Dresden 2-1**
**1973 I.FC Magdeburg – Lokomotive Leipzig 3-2**
**1974 Carl Zeiss Jena – Dynamo Dresden 3-1**
**1975 Sachsenring Zwickau – Dynamo Dresden 2-2**
**1976 Lokomotive Leipzig – Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 3-0**
**1977 Dynamo Dresden – Lokomotive Leipzig 3-2**
**1978 I. FC Magdeburg – Dynamo Dresden 1-0**
**1979 I. FC Magdeburg – BFC Dynamo 1-0**
**1980 Carl Ziss Jena – Rot Weiss Erfurt 3-1**
**1981 Lokomotive Leipzig – Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 4-1**
**1982 Dynamo Dresden – BFC Dynamo Berlin 1-1**
**1983 I. FC Magdeburg – FC K.M. Stadt 4-0**
**1984 Dynamo Dresden – BFC Dynamo Berlin 2-1**
**1985 Dynamo Dresden – BFC Dynamo Berlin 3-2**
**1986 Lokomotive Leipzig – Union Berlin 5-1**
**1987 Lokomotive Leipzig – Hansa Rostock 4-1**
**1988 BFC Dynamo – Carl Zeiss Jena 2-0**
**1989 BFC Dynamo – FC K.M.Stadt 1-0**
**1990 Dresden – PSV Schwerin 2-1**

*Hans-Jurgen Dorner.*

*Joachim Streich.*

*Chemnitz's Torsten Bitterman in action against Borussia Dortmund this season.*

# New-face Chemnitz

**BY KEIR RADNEDGE**

**CHEMNITZ (or Chemnitzer FC) are a prime example of an East German club who have seized the opportunity of the collapse of communist control to take a step back in history.**

The town named Karl-Marx-Stadt is reverting to its old name of Chemnitz and the football club have led the way. At the start of last season they were FC Karl-Marx-Stadt. Now they are Chemnitz or Chemnitzer FC and, having finished third last season – one point behind champions Dresden – are desperate to improve on that result.

At the end of this season the top two teams in East Germany will enter the all-German first division; six further teams will enter a regionalised all-German second division. Those six teams will comprise the clubs finished third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the championship plus two more teams to be sorted out from a dual mini-league play-off at the season's end.

The remaining six teams (there are 14 in the East German first division) will go into the regionalised third division and, most likely, go bankrupt and out of existence as well.

Chemnitz do not aim to be among those fading clubs. Indeed, they were pre-season favourites to wrest the last league title from Dresden. Early league results upset those predictions. Not only that, but hopes of a good run in Europe building up their weak finances were dashed in the first round of the UEFA Cup by an un-neighbourly defeat at the hands of Borussia Dortmund.

Like the ideology of Karl Marx himself, Chemnitz may be among the big losers of the unification.

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### THE COACH

**Hans MEYER. Aged 47. One of the most experienced of East German coaches, having managed Dynamo Dresden until 1981, Carl Zeiss Jena until 1983 and Rot-Weiss Erfurt until the autumn of 1987. Appointed by Chemnitz/Karl-Marx-Stadt in the summer of 1988. They have shown such improvement in the last two seasons that they began the new/last East German season as league title favourites.**

### THE PLAYERS

**Jens SCHMIDT. Goalkeeper. Aged 27 (April 3,1963) with one cap. Ever present last season after taking over from veteran Matthias Birner (now retired). Joined CFC in 1980. A student, who made his international debut last week in the 2-0 friendly match victory over Belgium in Brussels.**
**Holger HIEMANN. Goalkeeper. Aged 22 (born January 12, 1968). Played for East Germany at the 1987 World Youth Cup in Chile.**
**Andre BOHM. Goalkeeper. Aged 19 (born August 20, 1971). Promoted this summer from the youth squads.**
**Dirk BARSIKOW. Sweeper. Aged 28 (born October 1, 1962). Signed last year.**
**Detlef MULLER. Stopper. Aged 30 (born September 5, 1960). Club captain after only two years with CFC.**
**Torsten BITTERMANN. Right back. Aged 22 (born February 3, 1968). Joined CFC when he was 14.**
**Jorge ILLING. Defender. Aged 26 (born October 2, 1964). Student.**
**Stefan ZITTERT. Defender. Aged 26 (born August 25, 1964). Electrician by trade now in his third season with CFC.**
**Thomas LAUDELEY. Left back. Aged 23 (born November 18, 1966). Joined the club's youth sections as a nine-year-old in 1975.**
**Tino MULLER. Defender. Aged 21 (born October 31, 1969). Student.**
**Jan SEIFERT. Defender. Aged 22 (born October 14), 1968).**
**Heiko GERBER. Defender. Aged 18 (born July 11, 1972). Promoted this summer from the youth squads.**
**Peter KELLER. Midfield. Aged 29 (born June 22, 1961). Olympic and under-21 international. Most experienced player at CFC with more than 180 league appearances to his name.**
**Sven KOHLER. Midfield. Aged 24 (born Ferbruary 24, 1966) with two caps. Also a youth international. Student who joined CFC's youth section at the age of 12 in 1978.**
**Rico STEINMANN. Midfield. Aged 22 (born December 26, 1967) with 17 caps. Also an Olympic, under-21 and youth international. The finest player left in East Germany after the sales to the West of Andreas Thom, Ulf Kirsten, Matthias Sammer and Rainer Ernst. Steinmann will be a serious contender for a midfield place in the all-Germany side for which he will be eligible after November 21 (when East and West Germany play a reunification match in Leipzig). Son of a respected former international.**
**Uwe MELHORN. Midfield. Aged 22 (born June 21, 1968). Under-21 international. Joined CFC at 13.**
**Mario NEVHAUSER. Midfield. Aged 26 (born November 8, 1963).**
**Lutz WIENHOLD. Attack. Aged 25 (born September 15, 1965). Joined CFC as a nine-year-old in 1974.**
**Lars HERMEL. Midfield. Aged 20 (born September 28, 1970). Student.**
**Steffen HEIDRICH. Attack. Aged 23 (born July 19, 1967). Under-21 international. CFC's 12-goal top scorer last season and most skilful attacker.**
**Arnd SPRANGER. Attack. Aged 21 (born September 13, 1969).**
**Jens MITZSCHERLING. Attack. Aged 24 (born August 2, 1966).**
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# AJAX—Europe's

BY SIMON KUPER

*WITSCHGE (right) and team-mate Pettersson.*

## Cruyff has left a splendid legacy

**AJAX are the poorest great club in Europe. The club known as the nursery school of international football produced some of the best players in the world, but always had to sell them as soon as they matured.**

**If Ajax has been able to keep men such as Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Gerald Vanenburg, they would be all but unbeatable. And the current drop of glorious young players (Richard Witschge, Bryan Roy and Dennis Dergkamp, among others) have as good as booked their southbound flights.**

**Half the current first team are under 21, but Ajax are heading for their second consecutive title, with 12 points from the first seven matches. Experienced internationals such as Peter Larsson and Sonny Silooy have been on the bench or worse, but several players on the edge of the squad have turned down offers to join other clubs. They sense that Ajax are going places.**

Sadly, this season Ajax did not enter European competition – for the first time in 25 years – because a young spectator threw an iron bar at Austria Vienna's goalkeeper during a European match in Amsterdam last season.

UEFA initially banned Ajax from European football for two years, but on appeal reduced the sentence for one year – still long enough to cause severe depression among the players. "I wanted to throw that bar straight back into the crowd", said captain Jan Wouters.

The ban has deprived the young side of the international experience they need to mature. Many players still fall short when faced with aggressive, often unfair sides of the kind unknown in Holland: against Austria Vienna, a clever but mediocre team, Ajax were on the point of elimination when the bar arrived. The players have everything but age.

As usual, Ajax's creative players are homegrown and young; the types the club sign are hardworking and older, Wouters and Danny Blind for example. At 30, Wouters is the oldest players, and at $700,000, the Swede Stefan Petterson is the most expensive.

As for the young players, Richard Witschge, 21, is the club's playmaker and a regular international. Frank de Boer and Bryan Roy, both 20, are already capped. Marciano Vink, also 20, elegantly locks the centre of defence and Dennis Bergkamp, 21, averages nearly a goal a game.

Ten years ago, Marco van Basten, Gerald Vanenburg, Sonny Silooy and John van't Schip were playing in the same Ajax colts side.
Scouts are instructed to look for charisma as well as talent. "Flair is part of Amsterdam, so we have to make it part of Ajax," they say.

Yet the fans are unreasonable demanding, and always disloyal. If Ajax do well playing defensive football they will stay away. And even when Ajax win 5-0 they are sometimes booed off the pitch.

In the early 1970s, when Ajax were playing the best football in the world, as few as 8,000 people turned up for the lesser matches. A couple of years ago, at home against Go Ahead Deventer, the crowd were shocked when Ajax went 2-0 down. A couple of minutes later, they made it 2-1, and immediately the fans took up their chant of "Ten, ten, ten". Ajax won 8-2.

Last year, when Ajax were considering buying the effective but clumsy centre-forward John van Loen, supporters and players agreed that he was "not an Ajax player". He went to Anderlecht instead.

Attendances have risen in the last two years, but even now the average is only 15,000. Hardly AC Milan, as Van Basten and Rijkaard calculated.

The usual financial problems worsened when an old scandal was dug up. In the early 1980s Ajax had paid some transfer fees in part under the table. Although none of the current players or directors was involved, the club were fined of $600,000 – like the European suspension it had been reduced on appeal, from $3 million.

### Budget

Ajax have not signed a single player for this season, for $600,000 represents a large slice of the budget.

The club's foundations was in 1900, by Amsterdam's Jews, in an age when every religion had a football club. Despite World War II, the Jewish influence still exists, represented by Michael van Praag, who has followed his father, Jaap, as chairman.

Incongruously, the skinheads hang an Israeli flag behind the goal for certain matches: the hooligan followers of other clubs chant anti-Semitic abuse at them.

Ajax won their first of 23 championships in 1918 but when Rinus Michels, who had spent his playing career with the club, became manager in 1965, he said: "Holland has no great clubs and has never had any".

The statistics tell the story of the change since then. Ajax won the Champions' Cup in 1971, 1972 and 1973. Ajax won the League six times and the Cup four times between 1966 and 1973. Ajax won the World Club Cup in 1972. Ajax won the Supercup in 1972 and 1973.

In the 1971-72 season, they won a record 30 out of 34 league matches.

# poorest great club

*BEENHAKKER ... not a friend of Cruyff the great.*

These were the years of Piet Keizer, Garrie Muhren, Ruud Krol, Johnny Rep, Arie Haan, Johan Neeskens, Wim Suurbier, Sjaak Swart and, above all, of Johan Cruyff.

But 1973 was the end of the era of total football: it was the year Cruyff left fuming for Barcelona, after his teammates had voted him out of the captaincy.

His conviction that he always knows best has made him many enemies in his 25 years in football. But nobody ever questioned his gifts.

Cruyff was born a couple of hundred yards from the Ajax stadium. His father, a grocer who died when Johan was 12, supplied the club's kitchens, and his second son was a regular visitor to the first-team changing-rooms from the age of four. At two, his grandmother knitted him an Ajax outfit. "Ajax is my club," he was to say on his second departure, in 1983.

His departure abroad set the tone. Led by Cruyff, whose agent was his cunning father-in-law, Cor Coster, Neeskens too went to Barcelona, Suurbier to Schalke 04, Krol to Napoli,and so on. Ajax gradually declined, and then, in 1981, Cruyff came back. He had retired in 1978 (playing for Ajax, he lost his farewell match 8-0 to Bayern Munich), but when he lost all his money in wild schemes he was forced back into football.

Many expected him to be past it – yet the Ajax stadium was sold out in anticipation when he made his return, in December 1981, against Haarlem. About 20 minutes into the match, Cruyff received the ball with his back to goal. In one moment he turned and jinked between the two markers immediately behind him: characteristically, he knew exactly where they were without looking.

Straight away, without looking up, he dropped a lob from 20 yards out into the top left-hand corner of the net. Somehow he had seen that goalkeeper Edward was two yards in front of his line.

Cruyff, eyes in the back of his head, was the only player in the world who could have scored that goal. The stadium rose in awe and nobody doubted him any more.

## Impact

He stayed at Ajax until 1983. His impact on Dutch football in those years was immense and lasting. By work and example, he taught his teammates Rijkaard, Van Basten, Vanenburg and Wim Kieft much of what they know.

In Dutch amateur football, everyone suddenly learned to pass with the outside of the boot: as biographer Nico Scheepmaker memorably wrote, Cruyff was not two-footed, but four-footed.

All over Holland grounds were full to see for the last time the European Footballer of the Year of 1971, 1973 and 1974.

In 1983, after characteristic squabbles about money, Cruyff left "his" club to join their arch rivals, Feyenoord Rotterdam. He won the domestic double for them: their only titles in the last 16 years.

In those years Ajax were playing the most attractive football in Europe. They were a kind of Harlem Globetrotters, delighting in skill and invention for their own sake.

Everyone remembers Cruyff's penalty against Helmond Sport. He ran up to take the kick, but instead passed the ball to the left side of the penalty area, where Jesper Olsen raced in to collect it. Olsen approached the flabbergasted goalkeeper, and then passed back to the centre, for Cruyff to shoot into the empty goal.

Yet in those years Ajax were invariably knocked out of the European Cup early, by mediocre sides. Celtic, Olympiakos Piraeus and Bohemians Prague made up the difference in skill with toughness and application.

"Some of our players are too talented," said Ajax centre-back Ron Spelbos. "You won't win the war with players like Vanenburg and Rijkaard," complained the manager, Aad de Mos.

The current side face the same problem: the Dutch league is too weak for Ajax, and European competition requires more than skill alone.

But Van Basten, Rijkaard, Ronald Koeman & Co. were maturing by the time Cruyff returned in 1987, this time as manager. In that year the club won the Cup-Winners' Cup, playing the total football invented by Cruyff and Michels at an earlier Ajax.

Total football means locking the opposition in their half, tackling them as close to their goal as possible, keeping both wings occupied, and playing at top speed.

Van Basten, Rijkaard and Silooy left almost immediately after the European victory, and Cruyff resigned after another row, in January 1988. Yet even Leo Beenhakker, the club's current manager and no friend of Cruyff's, has retained the system of total football, with only slight modifications. Ajax, like Liverpool, have their own house style.

Cruyff, now with Barcelona, will undoubtedly return home one day. Chairman van Praag says: "When Leo Beenhakker leaves we will certainly think of Cruyff again."

As for Cruyff, he rings Cor Coster from Spain every Sunday night to find out Ajax's results, from the first team to the under-15s.

When he returns, Ajax probably will be playing in a new stadium. The current ground, De Meer, though atmospheric, seats only 25,000 and offers too few facilities for sponsors.

It is to Ajax's advantage that businessmen are taking over from fans in financing football clubs: in contrast to, say, Naples, Amsterdam has lots of businessmen and few fans.

The club are determined to sell their next generation of stars for good money: but sell they must. They surely will always remain a supplier of stars while Milan, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich take the rewards.

*WOUTERS ... the oldest players but still an example.*

*VAN'T SCHIP ... product of the club's colts.*

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# AJAX Continued

**THE COACH**

Leo BEENHAKKER. Aged 48 (born August 2, 1942). His playing career never got beyond Rotterdam amateur football, and he entered management in his mid 20s.

From 1965 to 1976 he passed through the minor Dutch clubs Go Ahead Eagles, Veendam, Cambuur and Go Ahead again. In 1976 he became Feyenoord's youth coach, and in 1978 Ajax hired him for the same job. It proved an excellent career move: in 1979 he was promoted to club manager, and by the time he was sacked, in 1981, he had made a name in international football and was able to choose among bigger clubs.

He moved to Real Zaragoza, where he stayed until 1984, and then returned to Holland, to manage Volendam. That year Volendam were relegated, but Beenhakker had got himself an additional part-time job as Holland's manager: after criticising Kees Rijvers, then national team manager, he was given the post.

But Holland failed to qualify for the World Cup in Mexico, and Beenhakker went back to Spain, where he was far more popular, to win three league championships with Real Madrid.

In 1989 Ajax were proud to bring back their former manager, now endowed with an impressive reputation. In his first season back in office Ajax won the league championships. His trip to Italy, in his second spell as Holland's manager, was less happy.

Since Holland's debacle, many members of the squad have accused Beenhakker of being all mouth, of lacking tactical sense. It is a criticism he has heard before.

**THE PLAYERS**

Stanley MENZO. Goalkeeper. Aged 27 (born October 15, 1963) with one cap for Holland, in a friendly against Denmark last year.
Menzo has been with Ajax since he was a schoolboy. After a brief spell on loan to Haarlem, he gained a regular place at Ajax when Cruyff became manager in 1985. Menzo has played outfield for the Reserves, and the doctor rates him as the club's best athlete. He was the third goalkeeper in Holland's World Cup squad, and played 180 league matches for Ajax.

Edwin VAN DER SAR. Goalkeeper. Aged 20 (born October 29, 1970). Yet to make his professional debut. A member of Holland's Olympic team.

Dennis VAN DE POLL. Goalkeeper. Aged 20 (born July 12, 1970). Promoted to Ajax's senior squad this season. Still to make his debut.

Frank DE BOER. Left back. Aged 20 (born May 15, 1970) with one cap. Made his debut for Holland in the friendly against Italy in September, and is expected to have a long international career.

De Boer's chief fault is his frequent lack of concentration. He and his twin Ronald, also a member of Ajax's squad, run the 5,000 metres in times approaching the European record. Like most Ajax players, has been with the club since his mid-teens.

Danny BLIND. Right back. Aged 29 (born August 1, 1961) with six caps. Started his career with Sparta Rotterdam, and was taken to Ajax in 1986 by Cruyff. He is currently playing better than ever and was a member of Holland's World Cup squad. He missed Ajax's 1987 Cup winners' Cup final through injury, and was sent off after 15 minutes in the next year's final.

Peter LARSSON. Centre back. Aged 29 (born March 8, 1981). Swedish international. Joined Ajax from IFK Gothenburg in December 1987 as Johan Cruyff's last signing. Made an impressive start in Amsterdam, but last season he suffered a total and inexplicable loss of form, though he continued to play well for Sweden. Part of his country's team who fared so badly at the World Cup. With strength, skill and intelligence, Larsson is potentially a top player.

Marciano VINK. Centre-back. Aged 20 (born October 17, 1970). Ajax believe he is destined for greatness. The club hope to hang on to him for a couple more years before selling him to Italy. Sturdy, skilful and quick, in play and appearance Vink reminds one of Frank Rijkaard. He is still prone to loss of concentration. He has just finished school, so much is expected of him this season.

Sonny SILOOY. Right-back. Aged 27 (born August 31, 1963) with 22 caps. Grew up at Ajax, and made his international debut at 20, away to Ireland. He improved each year, won the Cup winners' Cup with Ajax in 1987 and became a regular international.

He joined Matra Racing de Paris in September 1987. There a teammate broke his cheekbone at a practice session, causing him to miss the European Championships of 1988. As Racing were falling apart, Silooy signed a seven-year contract with Ajax in 1989.

He missed last season through injury, but is now fit. Eventually Silooy hopes to return to the national side – his last international was against England at Wembley in March 1988.

Mark VERKUYL. Defender. Aged 26 (born November 19, 1963). Started with Utrecht, moving first to Groningen and later to Ajax. He was initially a full-back but in Amsterdam became a centre-back. After a long injury, he has lost his place in the side, but like Silooy he wants to stay at Ajax.

Wim JONK. Midfielder. Aged 24 (born October 12, 1966). Joined Ajax from Volendam very early in his career and has developed into a regular. Ajax are so pleased with him that they are already offering him a new contract.

Jan WOUTERS. Midfielder. Aged 30 (born July 17, 1960) with 33 caps. Ajax's captain and leader, the club's oldest and most experienced player. Wouters is regarded as a tactical genius.

*Midfielder, Avon WINTER*

*Forward, Dennis BERGKAMP*

*Outside-left, Bryan ROY*

He was a fairly anonymous footballer until Michels selected him for the national team in 1986, after which Cruyff took him to Ajax from FC Utrecht. At the time Cruyff was ridiculed for signing the bow-legged, graceless Wouters, but he was one of the main reasons why Ajax won the Cup winners' Cup in 1987.

He was also a key member of Holland's European Championship-winning side in 1988.

Ron WILLEMS. Midfielder. Aged 24 (born September 20, 1966). The youngest professional footballer in Holland when he made his debut for PEC Zwolle at 16. He moved to Twente, where he offended manager Theo Vonk, and joined Ajax in 1988.

He was out for all his first season and much of his second through injury. Strong, and good with his head, but seems to have lost the battle with Dennis Bergkamp for the spot behind the strikers, and is now on the bench.

Michel KREEK. Midfielder. Aged 20 (born January 16, 1970). Kreek, a member of the Dutch Olympic team, has played just two matches for Ajax so far, and the competition for a place is currently intense.

Aron WINTER. Midfielder. Aged 23 (born March 1, 1967) with 13 caps. In the 1985-86 season, Winter was playing for the tiny amateur club SVL'67. In the 1986-87 season, he made his debut for Holland and won the Cup winners' Cup with Ajax.

The industrious Winter is a favourite with Ajax's fans. Ruud Gullit once said: "In terms of character he's the best player in Holland. He's such a fighter that you can never get rid of him."

So far though, Winter has disappointed in internationals, for example against West Germany in the World Cup.

Richard WITSCHGE. Midfielder. Aged 21 (born September 20, 1969) with nine caps. The brightest of all Ajax's bright prospects. Made his debut at 17, and thrilled all with his original mind, spontaneity, ball control and confidence.

Last year, though, he was demoted to the second team when the manager rightly accused him of laziness and being too pleased with himself.

The furious Witschge came back to win the championship for Ajax and to play for Holland in the World Cup. It can only be a matter of time before he goes to Italy for good. Richard's elder brother Rob, a winger, also started with Ajax but now plays for St Etienne.

Dennis BERGKAMP. Forward. Aged 21 (born May 18, 1969) with one cap. Bergkamp appeared on the scene very early: he was Ajax's outside-right for most of their run to the Cup winners' Cup in 1987.

For the next three years he never gained a regular place, too shy to play the leading role his talents warranted, but he scored six goals in Ajax's first seven matches this season, and made his debut for Holland in the friendly against Italy in September.

Stefan PETTERSON. Centre-forward. Aged 27 (born March 22, 1963). Swedish international signed from IFK Gothenburg in 1988 for $700,000, the club's record fee. Petterson has been worth it: he has scored 26 goals for the club, but his chief value lies in his ability to hold the ball and then lay it off for others to score. Nevertheless, with two excellent wingers, Beenhakker would wish for a striker who was stronger in the air.

Ronald DE BOER. Forward. Aged 20 (born May 15, 1970). Twin brother of Frank. Ronald first won fame three years ago, when Ajax's second team beat Groningen's first team 3-1 in a Cup match, with De Boer scoring twice. With Petterson and Bergkamp as rivals, he is finding it hard to gain a place in the Ajax side.

Bryan ROY. Outside-left. Aged 20 (born February 12, 1970) with two caps. A gloriously gifted, quick and imaginative winger, who too often disappears from matches. "When Bryan played badly, we were playing with ten men," Beenhakker says of last season.

When Roy is in form, he draws thousands of extra spectators. He missed the World Cup due to a total loss of form, but everyone knows he will be back.

John VAN 'T SCHIP. Outside-right. Aged 26 (born December 30, 1963) with 24 caps. Van 't Schip has spent his whole career so far with Ajax, though the club were forced to offer him a well-publicised $150,000 a year in order to keep him. He was born in Canada, but moved to Holland with his Dutch immigrant parents at the age of ten.

Like many Ajax players, Van 't Schip is inconsistent. He was one of the very few Dutchmen to play well at the World Cup, yet Rinus Michels's idea that Holland should dispense with wingers could curtail his international career.



# LUCA LOOKS TO 1994

## World Cup rule changes seem certain

BY PADDY AGNEW

THE MAN in charge of this year's World Cup organisation seems sure to be involved in the 1994 competition in the USA.

And he has bad news for the lovers of soccer tradition. Several of the radical changes recently proposed are likely to be accepted.

So wider goals, a ban on the pass back to the goalkeeper, a match played in four quarters, no offside, no defensive wall at free kicks, and professional referees probably will be forced on FIFA when it comes to the staging and, more importantly, the televising of the US World Cup.

Luca Di Montezemolo, head of the organising committee for Italia'90, is coy about his future.

But the FIFA president, Joao Havelange, has recommended to the US World Cup organising committee that they take Montezemolo on board their team. And Havelange usually gets what he wants.

I visited Montezemolo recently and found him tanned, relaxed and with much more time for journalists than on the February morning this year when last I interviewed him.

"I don't want to enter into American problems" he told me. "That's because it wouldn't be diplomatic. But the USA is so tough and big a country that if they decide to organise the World Cup, they'll do a good job of it."

A good job, all right, with the aid of a rule change here and there. Montezemolo concedes that the American television networks are likely to exact a very high price for their coverage. And as everybody under 12 knows by now, without American network coverage and financing, the US World Cup is a non starter.

So whatever changes TV deems advisable seem sure to be endorsed by FIFA.

Although Montezemolo is wary of discussing the US World Cup in any detail, the same cannot be said of his attitude to Italia'90.

His first observations concern the inability of Italian soccer administrators to take advantage of the experiments of this summer.

The lessons learned from the promotion and marketing of the event and from the handling of individual games have gone unnoticed. For instance, no Federation official attempted to retain for further use the computer hardware installed at the 12 World Cup sites. Nor has Italian soccer attempted to further promote the new type of family audience established during the tournament.

The experience will not be entirely lost to Italian soccer, however, for these days Montezemolo wears a second hat, that of vice-president of Juventus. His influence already has been felt because, much encouraged by him, the club have done a huge turn around in player and administrative personnel, as well as in style, on and off the pitch.

When FIAT President and long time Montezemolo mentor Gianni Agnelli approached his former star pupil with the Juventus offer, Montezemolo was far from excited.

He told me: "Agnelli said to me one day last year, 'Listen, Luca, you have to take care of Juventus soon.' Frankly, I was not at all pleased."

That was because Montezemolo knew how antiquated Juventus had become. For too long they had been run as an exclusive private members' club that had no need to go out and hustle in the market place.

As a result, says Montezemolo, Juventus were failing to achieve both economic and footballing potential. They have not won the Italian championship since 1986, too long a break for a club with 22 titles since 1905.

Not only were clubs like Napoli and AC Milan beating Juventus to the better players on the market (Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten, Alemao), but Juventus were failing to make anything of considerable financial and commercial resources.

For example, FIAT hold a 50 per cent stake in the club yet nobody had involved any of the players in a FIAT car promotion.

UPIM, the FIAT owned supermarket chain, sponsor Juventus, and have the right to print their name on the Juventus shirt. But the relationship ended there. Nobody had thought of using Juventus players (including the two most popular in the land, Toto Schillaci and Roberto Baggio) as part of UPIM promotions. Nor had anyone considered using the stores as sales points for Juventus tickets.

Montezemolo, of course, thought of all these ideas and many more. He thinks Juventus can become a vibrant business again. He also adds that with such as Schillaci and Baggio due to be around for some time, the footballing future for Juventus can only be bright. The estimated £22.6 million sterling spent by the club this summer was money well spent, he argues, while adding that Baggio cost less than generally reported.

"I signed the contract with Baggio. We paid £5.4 million sterling for him, plus the sale of Roberto Buso for £1.8 million. Baggio earns £633,000 per annum. Anything else you read is fantasy."

By the way, Montezemolo adds that Baggio, bought by Juventus from Fiorentina last May, has told him that he was very happy with the club and felt that this Juventus would make a good side.

Out of the horse's mouth, as you might say.

MONTEMEZOLO . . . seems sure to join the American organising group.

BAGGIO . . . Juventus are going places, he says.

AGNELLI . . . beaten to some of the better players.

*ROTHENBERG ... some of his moves defy explanation.*

# NEW PRESIDENT CREATES PROBLEMS

**PAUL GARDNER REPORTS**

**THE dumping of Werner Fricker and the surprise election of Alan Rothenberg in his place as president of the US Soccer Federation surely indicated a dramatic desire for a change in the direction of American soccer. Or did it?**

Those who thought so are having their patience sorely tested by Rothenberg, whose actions so far amount to nothing more than the sprinkling of a little holy water on a forest fire.

In the heady days just after Rothenberg's election there was talk that the USSF headquarters in Colorado Springs – which is in the middle of nowhere – would be moved, at least to somewhere that could be reached by direct air flights. Hasn't happened. Rothenberg's trusted lieutenants are studying the matter.

## Support

Rothenberg was expected to move quickly to cut away some of the dead wood that has been cluttering up the USSF for so long. Hasn't happened. The members of the technical staff responsible for the USA's woeful showing in Italy are still in place.

Rothenberg has even gone out of his way to confirm support for coach Bob Gansler, saying: "The expectation is that he will see us through until 1994."

Franz Beckenbauer? Forget it – Rothenberg went to Europe and announced that he had had "fruitful" talks with Der Kaiser, who promptly signed with Marseille.

Not to worry, said Rothenberg, Beckenbauer will come in 1992. Beckenbauer's response was to say that if Marseille hadn't won the Champions' Cup by 1992, then he might have to stay longer in France.

That little mess accounts to some extent for Rothenberg's vote of confidence in Gansler. As long as Rothenberg keeps making out that Beckenbauer is coming, then no other coach of any consequence is going to take the job.

By mismanagement and default, Gansler remains. He is expected to put out a team and to play exhibition games, despite the fact that about half his top men are now playing for (or at least have signed with) European clubs.

The team in recent games was nowhere near a first-choice selection, but this seems not to bother the marketing people who go on describing it as the national team.

The marketing people are, of course, crucial to the future success of the sport in the USA and to the staging of the World Cup. Rothenberg HAS made a move here. The secretary of the USSF, Keith Walker, has been replaced (though not fired). The new face is that of 43-year-old Hank Steinbrecher, who comes with the elaborate title of Executive Director/Secretary General.

Steinbrecher has a soccer background, as player and coach, but it was his success as a marketing man and as a venue organiser during the 1984 Olympics that endeared him to Rothenberg.

More full-time appointments will follow, we're told. For now, action seems to consist of appointing large committees. Possibly this is an attempt to make everyone feel wanted, but it is going to make the work of the committees extremely difficult . . . and expensive.

The Coaching Committee, for instance, has grown from four members to 14. In this country, bringing 14 people together for a meeting could cost up to 10,000 dollars in air fares alone.

Two of Rothenberg's moves simply defy explanation. He has deposed the head of the International Games Committee, Sunil Gulati, the most hard-working and efficient of all the USSF's volunteer staff, and as head of the new Professional Outdoor League Committee he has appointed Earl Foreman – an outspoken proponent of indoor soccer, a man who has repeatedly poured scorn on the outdoor game. A majority of members have links with the indoor game too.

On the record, the attitude of the outdoor members is that they will give Foreman the benefit of the doubt and work with the committee. Off the record, they are very upset.

*GANSLER ... keeping the seat warm for Beckenbauer*

## Surrounded

The recent change of name – the Major Indoor Soccer League is now the Major Soccer League – has not fooled anyone. The indoor clubs are interested in playing outdoors only because it will allow them to climb on the World Cup bandwagon.

That bandwagon has yet to get rolling. All the uncertainty that surrounded matters as long as Werner Fricker was in power and was constantly bickering with FIFA should have been dispelled by Rothenberg's election.

But there remains a tricky legal problem. The World Cup Organising Committee is a separate body from the USSF, and was set up so that Fricker had total control of it. He still has that control – and will do until he agrees to hand it over to someone else.

If he won't then FIFA will have to step in and take the World Cup away from World Cup-94 and form another body – presumably headed by Rothenberg – to run it.

FIFA, of course backed Rothenberg against Fricker in the presidential election. The ripples resulting from that are still being felt, and – this being the USA, where the courts are expected to resolve everything – legal action is threatening.

# OLD MAN PELE

## I'll live to be 100, he says

**THREE months ago Pele had the comfortable, rounded look that an extra kilo or two gives to the ex-player. Now the man looks almost gaunt.**

He jumps up from behind the desk of his New York office, and the movement is quick and very, very athletic.

"I've been training," he says with that beaming smile, "I weigh 75 kilos now – I've lost six kilos since you saw me in Italy. If I'm going to play, I must be fit.

"I was always fit. However I played, nobody could ever say "Pele didn't run today'."

Pele's English, once so hesitant, flows smoothly now. He's talking about the game being organised to celebrate his 50th birthday on 31 October, Brazil against the Rest of the World.

"The original idea was to play at Wembley Stadium – because I never played there. But they can't have it there, so now we play in Milan. But it's not the same."

Playing for Brazil at 50 – is that a good idea? Pele dismisses the matter of his age: "Sometimes I don't really know what age I am. I live the same life that I did at 25, do the same things – except for the playing. I think that when I'm 100 I'll be kicking the first ball at a game in Maracana."

You believe it, Pele will be active when he's 100 (though Maracana will have fallen down long before that), and he tells you the reasons why.

"My family all live a long time. My father's mother lived to 97, I have an aunt of 82, my father is 73 and still very active. Yes, I'm going to live to be 100. The only problem is that all my friends will be dead."

Pele spends four or five months of each year in New York, where he has an apartment, about the same time at his home in Santos, and the rest travelling in Europe and Asia.

"I do more travelling than a lot of pilots," he says. It's the result of Pele's public relations work for Warner Brothers, for FIFA, and for other sponsors such as Umbro and Seiko. He enjoys it – as he enjoys life in general. "I would do everything the same again. I'm one of the few who can say 'I'm a happy man'."

If Pele wouldn't change his life, he would change some things in soccer. He was not happy with the 1990 World Cup. "The level of the game was very low. We had some good aspects but technically, the football was poor.

## Old-fashioned

"The sport needs to change a bit. Every other sport, even tennis, which is very old-fashioned, has changed. But football wants to be the same as 100 years ago.

"Yes, they should experiment with making the goals bigger. And they should ban walls at all free-kicks, it must mean more goals and more excitement.

"No offside on the throw, that's good – but you can't throw too far. Let the player kick it into play. Not from the ground – that takes time to set up, and you have problems with players blocking the ball."

Pele releases an invisible ball, drops it, punts it towards some unseen penalty area. "Let him do it quickly, kick it from the air, so that he can clear the other players.

"I don't like the indirect free-kick in the penalty area either. You get all the opposing players lining up on the line, and the referee takes two or three minutes to get them in order.

"No indirect free-kicks in the area – they should all be penalty kicks."

Brazil were disappointing in Italia'90, but Pele remains optimistic.

"Brazil has always sold players – even in my time players were going to Europe. The difference now is that we don't create so many good ones.

"You can change the coach, but the problem remains. You have to have a good base, you have to start preparing the team well in advance of competition.

"Falcao has the time now, he has the opportunity to build a base.

Are there enough good players left in Brazil to do that? "Yes," says Pele. "There's no doubt about that. Maybe later Falcao can add one or two from Europe.

"Soon after Beckenbauer became coach of the West German team, I spoke to him and he said he was losing his hair over it and was going to quit. He stayed, and won the World Cup.

"It's very difficult to imagine anyone lasting as Brazil coach for four years! But I'm optimistic. The population is 140 million, all soccer crazy. Brazil should have a good team."

## Poverty

Pele, leans forward, the smile gone. "I have to do something to help the Brazilian people. When I was a player I was too busy travelling. I had no time to pay attention to the political situation. But now I have to do something.

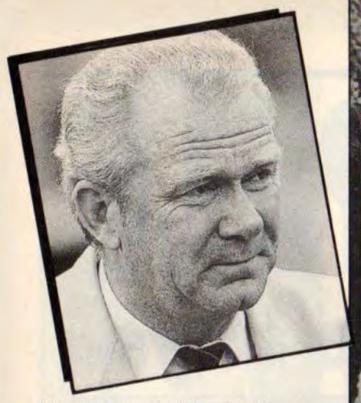
"Brazil is a very rich country, it has everything in resources. But there is terrible poverty there, and that is unacceptable.

"In 1994 there is a presidential election. Maybe this is the last thing in my life to run with some group to change the situation. We need a new group because now there is so much corruption in Brazilian politics.

"I am a socialist, a man of the centre. In all my travels, I think that in the socialist countries – Norway, Sweden, Finland – things are better there for the people.

"Perhaps I will work with the Socialist Party in Brazil, or perhaps I will form a new group with people whom I trust. But if I go, I don't go to be some Minister of something or other. I must go to be the President."

*PELE the legend at four stages of his amazing life ... already a rising star aged 14 (top left), as he is today (top right), scoring his 1,000th goal (left), and celebrating the 1970 World Cup victory in Mexico after defeating Italy 4-1. Pele scored Brazil's first goal.*



Valeri Lobanovsky (above) fresh challenge with the UAE. Right: new Kiev coach Anatoly Puzach (front row, third from right) as a player with the national side. Byshovets is second from right in the back row.

# PUZACH MOVES UP AT KIEV

**BY PENTTI HIETANEN**

**DYNAMO KIEV coach Valey Lobanovsky has left after 17 successful years, to take over as national coach of the United Arab Emirates.**

His departure had been on the cards ever since the Soviety Union's grave disappointments in Italia'90.

He had to take the initiative after being replaced by Anatoly Byshovets as nationalmanager, but someone with his international status and experience might have been expected to remain in Europe.

With all due respect to the UAE, the move takes "Loba" away from football's mainstream for the first time in nearly 20 years. Perhaps, at 51, he wanted to rest his heart. And the money is not bad.

Just before the first round of the Cup-Winners' Cup, Lobanovsky's former No.2, 48-year-old Anatoly Puzach, was appointed Kiev's new coach-in-chief.

His assistant is Vladimir Veremeyev, 42, one of the leading Soviet midfielders during the 1970s and, as Puzach puts it, "Kiev's Maradona".

Puzach says: "Lobanovsky is already a legend as a coach, but Veremeyev and I did not appear from nowhere.

"We were both born and raised in Kiev, we both enjoyed success playing for Dynamo, and our coaching philosophies have been moulded by Lobanovsky. We know the club and the fans know us. Where's the problem?"

## Connection

Some sources claim that Puzach is only a stop-gap coach and that Cameroon's World Cup supremo, Valery Nepomniachi, will take over once his contract with the Africans expires in November.

But he lacks that all-important previous connection with the Ukrainan giants, and says he has received good offers to coach in Spain.

Puzach knows that he needs to rebuild. Established stars such as Zavarov, Protassov, Belanov, Mikhailicheno and Bessonov have joined the foreign exodus.

"The player drain doesn't worry me," Puzach snaps. "We are now a full-time professional club, the structure is strong, and we have plenty of young talent coming up. Just look: we are still on course for the championship."

Experienced players will be needed to guide first-team newcomes. Old warriors such as goalkeeper Viktor Chanov, utility defender Andrei Bal, left-back Anatoly Demianenko and midfielders Vasily Rats and Gennadi Litovchenko provide the backbone of the side.

After Alexei Mikhailichenko's move to Italy's Sampdoria, Litovchenko has taken over as the midfield boss. He has responded well and recently scored twice in 2-0 win over Metallist Kharkov.

Kiev stars are not, however, top of the pops with new national manager Anatoly Byshovets, a former Kiev forward. In the recent European Championship clash with Norway only one Kiev player, Oleg Kuznetsov, was in the team, and he has now joined Glasgow Rangers.

When asked why he had omitted so many Kiev stars, Byshovets replied: "The others are in better form."

Mikhailechenko is the new captain, and newcomers to the squad include the 22-year-old forward Ivan Getsko (Chernomorets Odessa), goalkeeper Stanislav Tshertshesov (27, Spartak Moscow), defenders Andrei Yudin (23) and Andrei Sidelnikov (23, both from Dniepropetrovsk Dniepr), and midfielders Yui Kalitvinchev (22, Volgograd Rotor) and Sergei Timofeyev (25, Vladinharkaz Spartak).

But it is a safe bet that Byshovets cannot ignore the claims of two outstanding Kiev forwards, Sergei Yoran (20) and Oleg Salenko (21), for much longer.

Yoran recently scored six times in four games, and Salenko is a real sprinter in the Oleg Blokhin mould.

Blokhin, now coaching Greek club Olympiakos Piraeus, created a lot of controversy and confusion with summer raids. He snapped up three players – Moscow Spartak midfielder Valery Shamov, and international forwards Yuri Savichev (Torpedo Moscow) and Oleg Protassov (Kiev).

Although Kiev had agreed to Protassov's transfer, certain influential members of the Soviet Parliament are said to be in process of cancelling the move.

Protassov is furious and says: "If I am not granted my blue card as the approval of my move abroad, I will never play for the national team again. I won't even return to the Soviet Union again."

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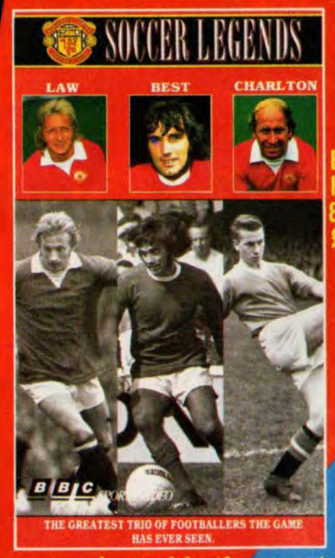


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# SPOTLIGHT ON ROGER MILLA

## How the super striker opened up the World Cup for Africa

**BY KEIR RADNEDGE**

THE 1990 World Cup finals will not be remembered for the technique or brilliance of the football on display.

They will, however, be remembered as long as the game is played, for the sheer drama and for the projection of some remarkable characters.

None was more remarkable than Roger Milla, the 38-year-old Cameroon striker who can boast a place in soccer history. He is the oldest man ever to have scored a goal in the finals -overtaking Sweden's Gunnar Gren, who was 37 when he shot home against West Germany in the 1958 semi-finals.

Milla was the man who appeared as a second-half substitute to transform Cameroon's matches. He was the man whose two late goals overturned Romania; the man whose opportunism destroyed Colombia's reckless goalkeeper, Higuita; and it was Milla, having shaved his head, who came very close to upsetting England in that never-to-be-forgotten quarter-final in Naples.

Cameroon came to the World Cup finals dreaming of being acclaimed as the 'African Brazil.' Who else then, but Milla, would have dared take the Mickey out of Brazil's star striker, Careca, by emulating his dance with the corner flag on scoring a goal?

Now, as he wanders the world seeking a new home for his magic, Milla can look back with pride. He says: "We were very disappointed to lose against England. We believed we played the better football in that quarter-final. Perhaps we were too tired. Perhaps we did not concentrate quite hard enough in the closing stages.

"But that is behind us now. Looking back we are all happy that we made people all round the world take notice of Cameroon.

"Personally, it was a fantastic experience. Even better than 1982. It was all new for me, then. This time I could appreciate a little more all we had achieved. Also, I appreciated more this time just what it meant for Cameroon and our people. They

# THE MAN WHO PUT CAMEROON ON THE MAP

celebrated every goal with us."

Yet, all is not as it seems. Cameroon were not the happy-go-lucky squad they had been painted; and as for Milla, well, 'Milla' was not even his real name.

This genie of Italia'90 was born Albert Roger Mooh Miller, son of a railway worker with a German connection, on May 20, 1952. Friends believe that, rather than Miller, the original name which the family appropriated was 'Muller.'

No matter. Milla (or Miller or Muller) was born to a family of four brothers and has always remained close to his family and homeland. He and his wife, Marie Eveline, have two children, both of whom have been given family names – Roger junior, who is now seven, and Ruth, aged four months.

Milla might well have been sitting at home with them, watching the World Cup on television. Two years ago he retired from the national team. He was bitter and furious over events surrounding his mother's death while he was away playing for Cameroon against Saudi Arabia in the Afro-Asia Cup.

He says: "Our directors at the federation told me I was not to worry. That while I was away they would take care of everything. Instead, when I got back, my mother was dead. Not only had no-one taken any care over her but they would not even pay the hospital bills. I was bitter and angry and so sad. After that I didn't want anything more to do with the national team or the federation."

It took the personal intervention of Cameroon's state President, Paul Biya, an old acquaintance, to persuade Milla to change his mind only last April. President Biya and officials of the Sports Ministry decided, rightly or wrongly, that Milla's experience – after starring at the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain – would be of enormous value to his team-mates at Italia'90.

Not all of those team-mates agreed. Goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell was one opponent of Milla's recall; so was Francois Omam Biyik, the lithe young striker who is his heir-apparent.

Omam Biyik still insists: "He scored important goals for us in Italy. But he isn't the same Roger. If he hadn't had players around him who did an enormous amount of work, he couldn't have done what he did. We others sacrificed ourselves and our game to serve him ... Really, he isn't the same Roger Milla."

But it was precisely because he was not the same player as in Spain that Milla was such a success. All the years of experience brought a vital extra degree to the Cameroon game. As managers insist, particularly at international level: "It's a 13-man game now. The substitutes are just as important as the players who start the game."

So it proved with Milla. Not that his eventual role had been foreseen by anyone. Officials and team-mates, media and fans, all believed Milla was present in Italy merely to let his voice of experience be heard in the dressing room and training camp. Milla thought so, too. The one man who did not was Cameroon's Soviet coach, Valeri Nepomniachi.

## Refused

The manager was among the most maligned men at the World Cup. Cameroon's players jealously refused to grant him any credit for their success, taking all the glory for themselves. They spread the calumny that Nepomniachi had to use the Soviet embassy chauffeur as translator – and that the translator got everything wrong anyway.

But it was Nepomniachi's decision to use Milla as he did. Nobody else. And without Milla's goals Cameroon would not have achieved all that they did.

Milla claims to have scored more than 1,000 goals in his career but there is no documentation to support it from his spells back home with Leopard Douala and Tonnerre Yaounde and then in France with Valenciennes, Monaco, Bastia, Saint-Etienne and Montpellier.

At the time of his World Cup selection, Milla was playing for Jeunesse Saint-Pierroise, a team from the French island of Reunion, off the east coast of Africa near Madagascar in the Indian Ocean.

Reunion has its own 14-team league and the top team play each year in the French Cup. Last season, not surprisingly, Saint-Pierroise duly reached the first round proper on the mainland of France, before being eliminated. But not before they had profited from the goal-scoring gifts of the man who may well be considered the finest centre-forward yet to emerge from Africa.

And not just Africa, but deepest Africa.

It was in the small provincial town of Makak that Milla, as a small child, began kicking a ball made of scraps of paper and tied up with string. When Milla was 10 his father moved to find work in another small town, Nkongsamba. A year later and they were on the move again, this time to Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon. Here Milla soon made a name for himself and, at just 13, was taken on board by the Eclair club of Douala.

Five years later he had turned professional and was leading the attack with Leopard of Douala. His goals lifted them to the championship in 1972 and then to the semi-finals of the African Champions' Cup. Defeat there did not suit Milla's ambitions. A few months later he signed for Cameroon's top club, Tonnerre. In the final of the cup it was Milla who beat a future national team-mate, Thomas Nkono, for the decisive goal.

Nkono would shortly join Tonnerre and his partnership with Milla brought success in the African Cup-winners' Cup and, for Milla, acclaim as African Footballer of the Year for 1976.

Hardly surprisingly, he was quickly snapped up by French clubs. First Valenciennes; then Monaco; then the Corsican club, Bastia, with whom Milla won the French cup in 1981. Milla scored a goal in the final against Saint-Etienne which meant Michel Platini, for once, finishing on the losing side.

A year later Milla was playing at the World Cup finals in Spain and using his memorable presence there as a springboard to further success with clubs and contry. Lining up for Cameroon Milla collected a winner's medal at the 1984 African Nations' Cup and then a Best Player's accolade two years later, when the Indomitable Lions finished runners-up to hosts Egypt after a penalty shoot-out.

At club level Milla's goals shot both Saint-Etienne and then La Paillade-Montpellier out of the second division before he decided to call it a day in the summer of last year. It was time to wind down his career, he said, so off Milla went to Reunion Island, unaware that his greatest moments were yet to come – but not, intriguingly, with many regrets at leaving French football behind.

Milla says: "I don't think French football was very fond of me. I've taken quite a buffeting. I'd say, in fact, that I was treated like a second-class citizen in almost all of the French clubs I played for. The World Cup was some sort of revenge: when I got my chance I saw it as an opportunity to prove that I have been the best centre-forward in the French league ... and to prove the point to all those directors and managers who never had any faith in me.

"I even had to negotiate my own contracts. There was no agent or adviser to help me – which, I see now, was very unfortunate. It's no use a player negotiating his contract directly with a club president. At the end of the day, the player will almost always accept whatever he is offered because he is so desperate to play.

"I suppose I am fortunate in that I don't worry so much about money. I've found a lot of friends and not a few trophies and medals along the way and these are the most important achievements for me."

## Provided

Milla's goals in Italy served as a promotional vehicle not only for himself and for Cameroon but for African football in general. The World Cup finals had not even finished before FIFA president Joao Havelange was acknowledging the need to find a third place for an African nation at the game's four-yearly pinnacle.

Milla says: "All of African football should have celebrated our success because we provided proof of what could be achieved.

"People have pointed out to me that only about half the African nations entered the World Cup. But that was only because FIFA had kept African representation at the finals down to two teams. When there is a third and maybe a fourth African team at the finals you will see more nations contesting them."

Where Milla will be in four years' time is anyone's guess. Once the World Cup had ended he was apparently being spotted all over the place. There were confused reports of him negotiating, then rejecting, a contract with Puebla of Mexico; scuffling with autograph hunters in Paris at the Parc des Princes; slamming the French football hierarchy as "a bunch of slave drivers with no respect for human dignity"; then appearing to agree one deal with First Vienna before abandoning that scene to open talks with neighbours FK Austria.

Whatever else one may say about Milla, no-one dare doubt his enthusiasm and will to win. Who knows? Maybe Milla will finish up leading the Cameroon attack at Wembley next February when the Africans come to England for the first time. After all, if he retired before, and returned before, he can surely do so again – for one last time.

*Colombia's extrovert 'keeper Rene Higuita loses out to Roger Milla who scores his second goal.*

African action . . . Orlando Pirates versus TAAG of Luanda.

# BLACK DIAMONDS

## Namibia the world's latest soccer nation

INDEPENDENCE in March this year has made Namibia, formerly the South African colony of South West Africa, the world's newest footballing nation.

Namibia already has joined the Confederation of African Football and is soon to join FIFA.

It is one of the largest countries in the world, a vast, arid land of 823,144 square kilometres, larger than Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries combined, and yet has a tiny population of 1.3 million.

Only 10 per cent live in the urban area, where most of the organised soccer is played. The capital, Windhoek, has a population of around 130,000 and supplies nine of the country's 12 premier league teams.

Namibia, rich in minerals like diamonds and copper, is now ruled by the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), which previously fought a guerilla war against the South African colonists.

Independence has meant participation for the country in international competition for the first time, although for a year before the power takeover the country had been ruled by a United Nations peacekeeping force and had sneaked in some soccer matches against neighbouring Angola, with CAF and FIFA turning a blind eye.

Now the various fragmented footballing bodies have finally combined into a single organisation, Namibian Football Association, which has united both professional and amateur wings.

But the country is not expected to create shock waves in African soccer, as South Africa might do when they re-enter world football. There have been poor results in their international contacts so far.

Soccer was the first Namibian sport to have outside participation, with Angolan teams having played in the country even before independence.

Top Windhoek side Orlando Pirates also visited Luanda in February, losing 2-1 to TAAG and 7-0 to Angolan champions Petro Atletico, having been especially flown there by the Angolan government.

On March 21, Independence Day, Namibia's shadow national team had a first outing, losing 5-1 to the full Zimbabwean international side.

That match was overshadowed by a game between a Namibian President's XI and Spartak Ordzhonikidze, won 6-1 by the visiting Soviets.

South African Jomo Sono was a controversial member of the President's XI, given the sports boycott against his country, but the incident has been ignored by CAF and FIFA.

Sono was told by Namibian sports officials not to play, but after protracted arguments he finally took the pitch, scoring with a stunning free-kick.

Orlando Pirates . . . one of the nine Windhoek clubs.

Africa Stars . . . playing in the new Premier League.

The President's XI also included former West German captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Spanish international Antonio Camacho.

Despite the disappointing start, Namibia plan to become active in all African competition, according to NFA president Elliott Hiskia, who gave World Soccer an exclusive interview at his home in Katatura township outside Windhoek.

"It has been very difficult for us to plan due to the isolation, but now we are in international football, we can start forming our structures and get on with the business," he said.

Namibia played another international in June, against Mauritius, who were preparing for the African Nations Cup qualifiers (from which they subsequently withdrew).

Mauritius won 2-1, but Namibia have been invited to make a reciprocal visit to the Indian Ocean island later in the year.

Another match with Zimbabwe also is planned, but it will be next year before Namibia can start real competition on the pan-African stage.

They are to enter a club in both the African Champions and the African Cup-Winners' Cups, according to Hiskia.

The winner of the new NFA premier division league will play in the Champions Cup, with the victors in the NFA Cup going through to the other event.

Namibia began the league campaign at the start of the year with 20 clubs – a result of the amalgamation of the various leagues.

This has been cut to 12 clubs, who will play off for the title at the end of this year. They are Orlando Pirates, Black Africa, BS Tigers, Robber Chanties, Golden Bees, Young Ones, Africa Stars, Sundowns, Servics (all from Windhoek); Eleven Arrows, Blue Waters (both from Walvis Bay) and Chief Santos, based in the northern mining town of Tsumeb.

These 12 will be joined next season by a further four, after a series of play-offs.

# NEWS FROM ASIA

By Paul Moon

## Aussies cruise, Kiwis crumble

AUSTRALIA'S dominance of the Oceania Youth Cup in recent years was never threatened during the 1990 event in Fiji.

The Aussies cruised through their programme, defeating Vanuatu 6-0, Tahiti 7-0, Fiji 3-0 and New Zealand 6-0.

The shell-shocked Kiwis very nearly relinquished second spot when losing 2-1 to Tahibit two days later. Only goal difference gave them advantage over Vanuatu and the second ticket to the next stage of the World Youth Cup qualifying competition.

New Zealand's miserable performance resulted in coach Terry Conley being dismissed. His successor is globetrotter Allan Jones, previously manager of Darlington, the Bermudan and New Zealand national teams, and Al Salmiyya (Kuwait).

Unfortunately, Jones has little time to restore morale before the games with Australia and Israel in February, to decide which of the trio will qualify for the World finals in Portugal.

## First success for China

THE People's Republic of China gained her first success in an Asia-wide competition when Liaoning defeated Japan's Nissan 3-2 on aggregate to capture the Asian Champions' Cup.

In the first leg the Japanese (complemented by three Brazilians) enjoyed an immense territorial advantage, but always looked vulnerable to counter attacks.

One ended with Fu Bo opening the scoring after 32 minutes, only for the Chinese to lose concentration and allow Sandro to equalise within 60 seconds.

Nissan spent much of the remaining time moving forward but, with one minute left, they were again caught on the breakaway and Huang Chong scored the crucial goal.

Liaoning, with six current Chinese internationals, always maintained solid defensive cover in the second leg.

They delighted the 63,000 crowd by increasing their overall lead to 3-1 through Xu Hui in the 52nd minute, and although Nissan intensified their efforts, they gained only one reward – a penalty by Kazushi Kimura.

THE venerable Mohun Bagan – now 101 years old – have won the inaugural Calcutta Super Division title.

East Bengal, who share with Mohun the record of 20 Calcutta League titles, pressed Calcutta Maidan all the way, and went into their last game knowing that only a win over Bengal Nagpu Railway would give them the championship.

Victory was achieved when Krishnendu Roy scored the only goal, from a penalty, after 62 minutes.

# Mount fall short of peak

MOUNT Wellington's pursuit of a League and Cup "double" dominated the 1990 New Zealand domestic season.

They set the pace for almost the entire Air New Zealand National League campaign, but were overhauled during the closing stages by fellow Aucklanders Waitakere City and their title hopes seemed to hinge upon the visit to traditional rivals Christchurch United.

These two are the only survivors from the League's initial season, back in 1970, and have had many titanic battles over the intervening years.

Only a win was sufficient to keep Mount Wellington in the title hunt, and a late goal by substitute Kalvin Sefton did the trick. On the same afternoon Waitakere completed their programme with a 3-0 win over bottom-of-the-table Waterside, to retain a three-point lead.

So the Mount needed a two-goal win in their game in hand, at Waterside, to snatch the title on goal difference.

But first, they had another appointment ... with Christchurch United. This was in the Chatham Cup Final at Wellington's Basin Reserve – the first time the pair had met in New Zealand soccer's showpiece since their three-game, 13-goal epic in 1972. The 1990 meeting proved almost as dramatic, though somewhat briefer.

United took the lead through Alan Carville, only for Johann Verweij, with a spectacular own goal, and Noel Barkley, through a characteristic opportunist effort, to give The Mount a 2-1 lead at half-time.

The Rams regained the initiative early in the second period and Carville scored again in the 56th minute.

United had a considerable advantage as extra time began, Wellington midfielder Dave Witteveen having been sent off a minute earlier. But they could not take advantage, and the usually reliable Keith Braithwaite blasted a penalty wide.

Keith Pritchett

Then, after United goalkeeper Alan Stroud had been penalised for, of all things, taking too many steps while holding the ball, Ronnie Armstrong scored what seemed to be the winner.

The 39-year-old Armstrong, son of former Chelsea midfielder Ken Armstrong, has been a significant figure in New Zealand soccer. He was appearing in his eighth final and, according to speculation, was about to announce his retirement. A winner from him would have presented Kiwi football with its equivalent of the Matthews Final.

But now desperate United had one final fling, and Mike McGarry managed to climb above a packed defence to head home.

Modern Chatham Cup rules require a penalty shootout to separate the teams after extra time, but what an anti-climax? United missed no fewer than FIVE kicks, and so the Mount claimed their fifth Cup success.

Two days later, Mount Wellington returned to Basin Reserve for the crucial game with Waterside. After 90 seconds Noel Barkley scored with a fine header, and the title looked there for the taking.

But Waterside equalised through Gary Stone, and the Mount just could not breach a dogged defence again.

So Waitakere City, ably coached by former Watford defender Keith Pritchett, won the title in only their second year in the League.

Barkley was voted Player of the Year by the NZ Soccer Media Association's membership, McGarry gained the Players' Player of the Year award, and Waitakere City had the Young Player of the Year, Thomas Edge. Their striker, Tony Laus, won the Golden Boot with a League record 26 goals.

Waterside's contribution to the League's exciting finale gained no tangible reward. They return to the Central Regional League, and are replaced by Nelson United.

CANTERBURY made a little bit of history when defeating Otago 1-0 at Christchurch, to defend the Winfield Shield for a fifth time.

Both previous holders, Auckland and Otago, had repelled four challenges before losing the fifth.

Otago, with no clubs in the National League and no "name" players, battled hard and created just as many scoring opportunities as Canterbury.

But the home team's veteran striker, John Hanson, scored the only goal after 26 minutes.

Malcolm Allison

## U.A.E. start recruiting

IN AN effort to build upon their success in qualifying for this year's World Cup finals, the United Arab Emirates FA embarked on a recruitment programme for prominent foreign coaches.

Their first capture was much-travelled Englishman Malcolm Allison, perhaps best remembered for his work at Manchester City and Sporting Lisbon, who joined Al Shaab.

Allison is no stranger to the Gulf, having been in charge of the Kuwait national team five years ago.

Abdul Majed Chelati, coach of Tunisia at the 1978 World Cup finals, was the next signing – he now guides Al Wehda.

## Lebanon surviving

SOCCER is thriving in Lebanon despite the country's horrendous and seemingly never-ending suffering.

The league has expanded from eight clubs to 14, with representatives from Sidon, Tyr and Tripoli now trying to break the dominance of Beirut sides.

Sadly, all the members are situated in Arab communities. Christian clubs, which once dominated Lebanese football, refuse to leave their own small, localised competitions, although several (including the previously powerful Homenmen and Racing from east Beirut) have been invited to participate in the FIFA-recognised league.

Ansar retained the championship by completing the season without defeat. They finished six points ahead of Neejmeh.

TEAMS from the southern region of Thailand proved superior in the Toyota Mighty X Tournament at Bangkok.

The finalists, Phatthalung and Surar Thani, had met in the competition's southern regional qualifying series a month earlier and history repeated itself, with Phatthalung winning 1-0. Somnuk Suwannarat scored with a penalty midway through the second half.

Pre-tournament favourites Bangkok Metropolis finished third by beating the other semi-finalists, Sakhon Nakhon, 3-2.

## South Koreans still kings in the Far East

SOUTH KOREA disappointed in Italy, but they were still the major power in their own part of Asia.

In the Marlboro Dynasty Cup, staged at Beijing, the South Koreans defeated Japan 2-0, North Korea 1-0, and China 1-0 in the round-robin section, then beat the hosts again in the final – this time 5-4 in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw over 120 minutes.

South Korea should have completed the job earlier. China had ten men from the 19th minute, when goalkeeper Fu Yabin was sent off, and the list of missed chances included a penalty.

AL FOUTOUA completed a League-Cup double when defeating Al Karama 1-0 in the Syrian Cup Final before a crowd of 54,389 in Damascus. This was their fourth consecutive success in the tournament.

A goal by Mahmoud Habash (his fifth in six Cup games), was the decider.

Al Karama also finished runners-up in the League.

PELITA JAYA retained the Indonesia's professional league title with a late surge of form.

They were fifth at half-way stage, but lost only game one after that and finished two points clear of Krama Yudha.

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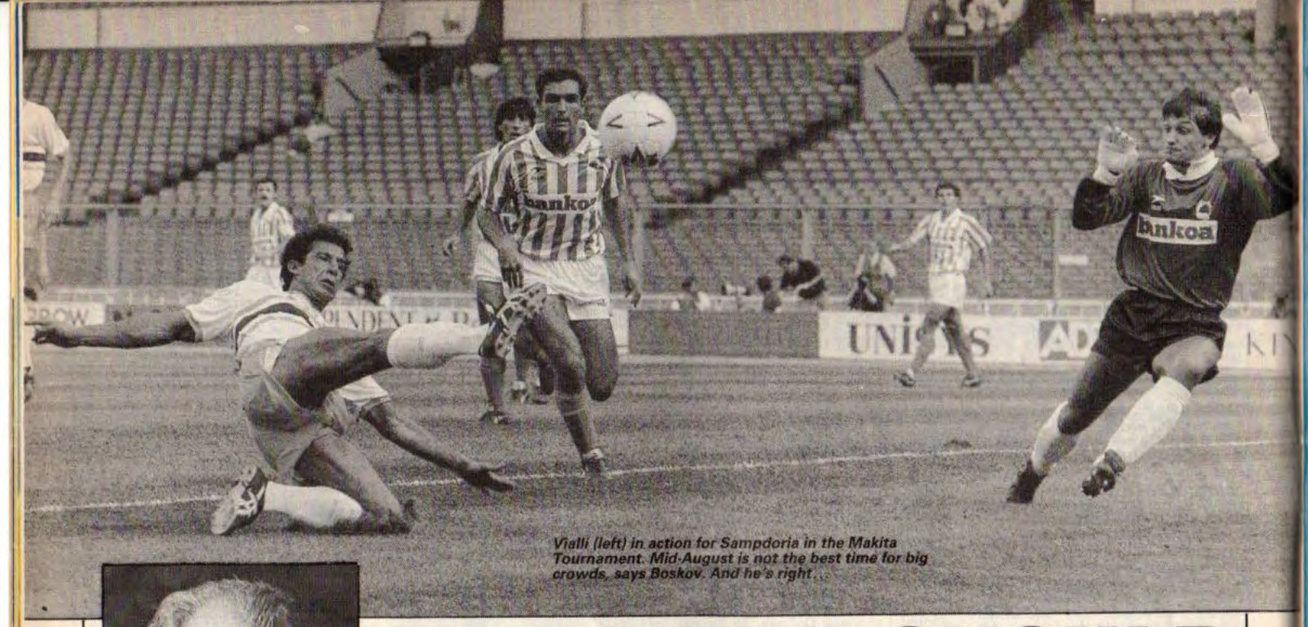

Vialli (left) in action for Sampdoria in the Makita Tournament. Mid-August is not the best time for big crowds, says Boskov. And he's right...

Boskov ... the star players should get what they can.

# TV POWER SHOULD BE CURBED!

## Arthur Rotmil interviews Sampdoria's team chief Vujadin Boskov

**TELEVISION should not dictate to the football authorities and must not be allowed to manipulate the playing programme to suit their own schedules, as happened several times in England last season.**

That is the opinion of one of Europe's most experienced and respected managers, the Yugoslav-born Vujadin Boskov, the 59-year-old chief of Italy's Sampdoria, current holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

They also won the prestigious Makita International at Wembley in August against strong English (Arsenal and Aston Villa) and Spanish (Real Sociedad) opposition.

Boskov also has some explosive views on the future of European football, the spiralling transfer system and the increase in players' earnings.

His opinions carry a lot of authority for he was himself a world-class midfielder, capped 58 times. Boskov played for three clubs in three countries and in 27 years managed nine clubs in five countries, among them such famous outfits as Real Madrid, Feyenoord, and now Sampdoria. He also led Yugoslavia's national side.

In this exclusive interview Boskov told me: "The advent of a European league will give the game an enormous boost. The relatively low gates of some 20,000 each day of the Makita tournament are not really a valid indication of spectator interest in international football. Mid-August in England is not the best time to attract big crowds."

As to the movement of players when the EEC becomes fully integrated in 1992, Boskov is realistic.

"The freedom of contract will inevitably lead to an even greater transfer activity. Of course, there will still be outrageous transfer fees paid. But if any club is willing to fork out £7.7 million, like Juventus did for Robert Baggio, then good luck to to them. Every footballer is worth whatever is offered for him. But I wouldn't pay that much for any player."

Is Boskov concerned that the wealthiest clubs will in time scoop Europe's richest talents?

"No! The establishment of an elite of clubs with the best of the talent will produce such high standards that it will be good propaganda for the football. It will provide a yardstick for the others.

"The stars should get what they can out of their clubs, the sponsors and advertising. The market forces will determine what the player is worth in terms of wages." Interesting that Boskov leads a squad of highly-paid star footballers and that he was probably behind Sampdoria's widely publicised, preposterously exaggerated valuation of £10 million on their international striker Gianluca Vialli.

Boskov warns of the rising influence and role of television.

"We must not be dictated to by commercial considerations of the media, especially by those who have only their own interests at heart. Football should be independent, it must not sell itself by allowing saturation coverage, or the public will react by staying away from the grounds.

"The television programmes should be fixed in advance, providing say, just one live match per week on a Saturday, or in midweek. That should be enough," claims Boskov.

Ironically, Vujadin is in constant demand, especially by Italian television. For he is eloquent, while his views are always worth listening to and he doesn't pull any punches.

Joining the recent 'Great TV Debate' was UEFA's general secretary Gerhard Aigner who does not subscribe to the oft advanced argument that television could in future dictate the fixture programme.

### Income

"Television provides an important source of income for all football, but will never become a ruling body," he told World Soccer. "It is not in its interest to exercise control over how the game is run and in any case we are watching the situation closely.

"Of course, it is becoming increasingly difficult to arrange the transmissions, since so many games are staged on the same day. Many clubs are now switching the ties to Tuesday, or Thursday to avoid competing with TV on Wednesday, but that is plainly unavoidable."

But even the German-born UEFA chief could not suggest what can be done to prevent TV saturation on European Cup days. In Switzerland the country in which he is based, it was possible on September 19 (First Round, first leg Euro-ties), to watch on various channels an almost non-stop soccer parade, with a choice of three live matches, plus numerous comprehensive filmed reports.

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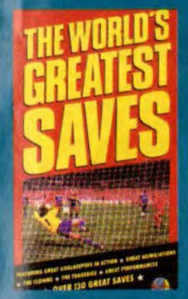


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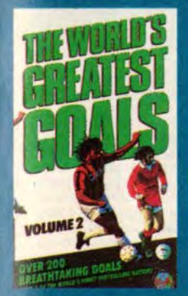


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# Another Havelange cla

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**I believe the Americans will probably make a success of it, that large crowds will attend just as they did the 1984 Olympic soccer, because Americans are event snobs. And then, just as in and after 1984, leave not a wrack behind.**

**FIFA's contention that players are now bigger is spurious to a degree. Fatty Foulke, goalkeeper of England, Sheffield United and Chelsea at the turn of the century, weighed some 21 stone. Full-backs were huge.**

**Should FIFA go further –legislate for dwarf goalkeepers, have goalposts which expand during a goalless game, prevent goalkeepers from using their hands? It hardly seems less silly.**

**The last of Italy's 1934 World Cup winning team, Angelo Schiavio, has just died, leaving some compelling memories behind.**

Schiavio it was who scored the winning goal that day in Rome, in extra time, against a gallant Czech side. All his colleagues bar one applauded. The one was the notorious Luisto Monti, the thuggish Argentine centre-half brought over to Italy by Juventus.

In a League match, playing for his

# IN THE CHAIR, NOT ALWAYS IN THE RIGHT

**The Brian Glanville COLUMN**

**TAKING part recently in a television panel programme in Glasgow, I was interested to hear the controversy raised by Hearts' sacking that day of their manager, Alex Macdonald, after nine years; and a mere three Championship games.**

John Robertson, the Hearts striker, had angrily denounced the move as "scandalous," which brought a sharp retort from his controversial chairman, Wallace Mercer. He declared that Robertson was in no fit state to turn out for Scotland, two days later; words which came home to roost when Robertson, albeit with the sole of his boot, scored Scotland's first goal.

He then went on to score the goal whereby Hearts drew, 1-1, away to Dniepr. So much for Mercer as mind reader!

Since then, of course, Joe Jordan has become the £100,000 a year manager of Hearts, whom Mercer tried controversially to merge with Hibs last summer. An attempt which had much, it seems, to do with the rioting at the Hearts-Hibs derby in September. It surprised me a little that Jordan would take on Hearts where he might have had Aston Villa.

ROBERTSON . . . defended his boss.

If it was anything to do with the respective chairmen, you can hardly say that Mercer has what one might call a higher profile than Villa's chairman, Doug Ellis.

Terry Venables, manager of Tottenham, once manager of Barcelona, was quoted not long ago as deploring the prospect of the big-money men invading football, reducing the managers of clubs here to the level of clubs on the Continent; mere team managers, in a word.

Terry is a very shrewd fellow, and he must have known that he was talking ... well, let us say, unhistorically. Bombastic, interfering, overweening club chairmen have been the order of the day in British football almost since a ball was kicked professionally.

I refreshed my memory by looking up the tale of Leslie Knighton and Sir Henry Norris. Knighton was that pre-war phenomenon, a successful and much employed manager who had never kicked a ball in pro football. Or even at a major amateur level.

This did not stop his graduating from Castleford to Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester City and a host of clubs besides.

At Arsenal, in the 1920s, he found himself employed by the bombastic and formidable Sir Henry Norris, previously chairman of Fulham, the man who bulldozed the Gunners into the First Division in 1919, although they had finished no better than fifth in the Second Division in the last season before the Great War. Spurs and Chelsea were cheated in the

JORDAN . . . big money.

process.

For many years, Arsenal fans were taunted with the jibe that their team had never truly won promotion. The irony of it is that the Gunners have been in the First Division ever since.

Norris, who was eventually forced out of football through some prolix shenanigan over a team bus, told Knighton he must sign no player under 5 feet 8 and under 11 stone. "No midgets!"

This put Knighton in a parlous position, since he had found a splendid tiny outside-right called Moffatt.

He went up to Workington to see him twist big full backs inside out, returned to Highbury without making contact with him, and what should he find but a letter from Moffatt, begging for a trial.

Sir Henry was in his villa in the South of France. Arsenal were about to go on tour. Knighton sent a wire. Moffatt agreed to come to London. Knighton went to meet him at the station. No Moffatt.

## Streets

Next day when Knighton went to Highbury, Moffatt was there, curled up asleep. He'd taken an earlier train the day before, found no Knighton, gone down to Woolwich –whence Norris had moved Arsenal in 1913 –and spent the night touring the streets on a road sweeper's cart.

Knighton plucked up his courage, signed him, took him on tour to Sweden, and kept him in the team for a while. Then Norris had his way. Moffatt was sold to Luton, then to Everton. But don't tell me that only now are English club chairmen beginning to interfere.

Back to the subject of sacked managers. Hearts' was a pretty grim story, but not as grim as the fates of Francesco Graziani and Joaquin Peiro.

"Ciccio" Graziani you may recall as a powerful centre-forward with a number of major Italian clubs, including Roma.

Last season, he took over from the much abused Giorgi, late in the season, as manager of Fiorentina. They escaped relegation and reached the UEFA Cup final. The club already had an agreement for Sebastiao Lazaroni to manage the team the

# e danger

## ALLIES NOT FRIENDS

beloved Bologna, Schiavio had been brutally fouled when on the ground by monti, shouting "Delinquente!" as Monti walked away.

Vittorio Pozzo, general manager and inspiration of the Italian team, a great expert in reconciling players who had fallen out in League games, made peace between them. But Schiavio remarked of his relationship with Monti, "Allies, yes. Friends, never!"

FOULKE . . . a giant.

following season, after taking Brazil to the World Cup.

So Graziani was appointed manager of Ascoli, who had just been relegated to Serie B. A few bad results in friendlies and one poor one in the Italian Cup and Ciccio was out - before a ball had even been kicked in the League –much to the dismay of his players, including the old Lazio centre-forward, Bruno Giordano.

The same thing happened in Madrid to Peiro, the former Internazionale and Spain attacker. Jesus Gil, who eats managers for breakfast, last season made him the umpteenth manager of Atletico Madrid.

Peiro did not survive a handful of disappointing results in pre-season tournaments. Out he went, giving place to the much-travelled Yugoslav, Tomislav Ivivc. Whose job was very quickly at risk, when Atletico Madrid promptly crashed in the UEFA Cup, 2-1 on aggregate to Timosoara.

On that Scottish TV programme, a member of the audience suggested that a manager should always have at least the security of being in office until the end of the current season. I'm not sure whether that would work.

It is tempting to say a plague on both their houses. On the clubs, so often ruthless in booting out a manager when things go wrong, and so often trying to evade compensation payments when he has gone. On the managers, because so very frequently they feel they have the divine right to walk out on a club as soon as they get a better offer.

### Results

That kind of thing could be stopped easily enough by adopting the Italian practice of refusing to allow any manager to have more than one club in the same season. But cases such as that of Graziani at Fiorentina make it plain enough that there are times when a change of manager can do the trick.

Footballers are funny people, and without going into a lot of semi-Freudian stuff about good and bad fathers, there is little doubt that managers can be blamed for bad results by players, as well as by fans and directors. Which in turn means that a new manager, simply and solely through being new, can change things.

If he isn't really much good, he will doubtless be rumbled in time. Meanwhile, his presence may have been the team's salvation.

GRAZIANI (right) and ZOFF . . . Italian heroes.

# HIGHBURY CURIO

LINIGHAN . . . odd purchase.

**WHAT is it about Arsenal and centre-halves? The fact, perhaps, that the stopper centre-half was invented by the Gunners back in 1925, after the change in the old offside law?**

**Even if Charlie Spencer, Newcastle centre-half of that era and later manager of Grimsby, once insisted to me that he played stopper when Newcastle thrashed Arsenal and forced them to make that tactical change.**

**Jack Butler, somewhat against his will, was the first of the Arsenal third backs, Herbie Roberts, who succeeded him, the most celebrated. In the 1950s, there seemed to be so many centre-halves on the Gunners' books that the man who tore your ticket in two at Highbury wore a number 5 shirt. Now it is growing like that, again.**

**With Tony Adams (England) and David O'Leary (Ireland) already on the books, the Gunners and George Graham proceeded to acquire Steve Bould from Stoke, using him chiefly in a three-stopper role, and apparently being willing to let him go around the start of this season.**

**Colin Pates, the Charlton and former Chelsea centre-half, cost £400,000, was supposedly meant to cover the left-back position, and has been consigned into deep anonymity after scarcely an appearance.**

**This summer, Graham splashed out another £1 million for Norwich City's Andy Linighan, who quickly found himself shadowing Adams and Bould.**

**When Arsenal played Chelsea at Highbury in September, Linighan went on late in the second half for Bould, and their defence promptly collapsed. A four-goal lead could have been diminished by two or three, Chelsea scoring once through Kevin Wilson and missing a penalty.**

**Some critics blamed the spreading panic on Linighan, which may have been unfair, Winterburn being unsafe and at fault in both these instances.**

**But in a week in which O'Leary had been recalled to the Irish team to the exclusion of Paul McGrath, after all those ups and downs with Jackie Charlton, the purchase of Linighan looked more mysterious than ever. Especially when, a few days later, Graham announced that he had no intention of selling O'Leary.**

**Oh, well. Some just collect stamps.**

# Torkil's talent

**EXTRAORDINARY how really good players can be missed. Or perhaps, in the case of Torkil Nielsen of the Faroe Islands, it isn't. After all, it's a pretty remote spot to look for a most gifted 26-year-old striker, who happens also to be the chess champion of his country.**

Not only did Nielsen take his goal against Austria quite superbly, turning past one challenge, brushing by another – I watched the game on television – but he splendidly made another chance for himself, forcing his way through the middle, to be frustrated only by a good save after he had left the defence behind.

It was, like his goal, a glorious piece of individualism by a fine player who clearly hasn't been spoiled by having the initiative drilled out of him by some dull professional club.

But if I were a professional club manager, I'd like to sign Nielsen.

# SUAREZ THE SECOND

## THAT'S THE ROLE MARTIN VAZQUEZ CAN STILL FILL

BY NICK BIDWELL

"THIS boy is one of the most intelligent players I have ever known," declared the great Alfredo Di Stefano of the teenager he blooded in the Real Madrid first team some seven years ago. "He is highly-skilled, but modest and it's perhaps because of his unassuming character that only during the last two seasons has he really come to the fore."

The recipient of the maestro's fulsome praise and critical analysis was Rafael Martin Vazquez, the deft midfield talent who has just turned his back on the Bernabeu to play in Italy with the newly-promoted 'sleeping giants' of Torino.

For much of last season a succession of stories concerning the future of the 25-year-old Martin Vazquez in the famous all-white strip had filled Iberian sports pages, but few Real supporters were inclined to believe that he was to begin divorce proceedings.

After all, was not the Real philosophy for glory centred on buying the best available rather than relinquishing prize assets?

Yet Martin Vazquez did go, rejecting a new contract offered by Real president Ramon Mendoza and leaving the club's huge following angry and bewildered that more was not done to retain him. He had just produced the most consistent season of his career, scoring 14 'Liga' goals to rebut the critics who had never tired of reminding him of his poor previous total – 20 goals in six seasons.

Certain voices in Madrid have since claimed that the sale, for £2.2 million, represents a symptom of the lack of financial muscle which means that Real simply cannot compete with the lavish sums on offer in Italy.

But that view hardly corresponds with the more prosperous reality after the recent deal with the Dorna marketing and public relations company, which will guarantee Real a minimum of £80 million in exchange for the sponsor's use of the club's facilities for 25 years and the display of the Dorna logo on those celebrated white shirts during the next 11 seasons.

Nor have Real been tardy in digging deep to spend on new players. The bill for Romanian Gheorghe Hagi, Barcelona youngster Luis Milla, Zaragoza's Francisco Villaroya, Predrag Spasic of Partizan Belgrade and Malaga keeper Pedro Jaro amounted to some £6 million.

The truth is that Mendoza wanted to hold on to the much-improved Martin Vazquez but ultimately opted to let him go rather than agree to his demands.

If he had done, the club's wage structure would have gone up in flames, with Michel, Butragueno, Sanchis and company beating a path to his door to revise their contracts.

Meanwhile, Torino president Gian Mauro Borsano and his new coach, Emiliano Mondonico, see the elegant Martin Vazquez as the man to guide a largely young and inexperienced side to a UEFA Cup qualifying spot.

That ought not to be beyond the Spaniard and new colleagues of the calibre of sweeper Roberto Cravero, ex-Napoli midfielders Luca Fusi and Francesco Romano, and the Yugoslav, Haris Skoro.

Martin Vazquez, anxious to play down expectations, says simply that his ambition in Italy is "to make a good impression in front of the connoisseurs, the Italian supporters".

He went much of the way to achieving it with his last-minute dribble and lob that enabled his new club to beat Fiorentina in the final of the pre-season Baretti tournament.

Rafael was born in the Madrid suburb of Aluche on September 25, 1965, and when he was five his family moved to the nearby town of Pozuelo. There he received his first soccer lesson at the local school, from a football-mad priest and teacher, Father Ireneo.

From the first the youngster's affections went towards Real and at the second attempt he succeeded in gaining a place with their Second Division nursery side, Castilla.

He proved equally adept with either foot, and made rapid progress under the guidance of a former Real star of the sixties, Amancio Amaro.

Other novices present at that time included four future internationals, Michel, Chendo, Manuel Sanchis and Butragueno.

### Destiny

Outstanding performances with Castilla led to promotion for Martin Vazquez, and he was only 17 when Di Stefano used him in the first team.

"The next year I started in the First Division, against Castellon, and scored two in a 7-0 victory," he recalls. "At that time I thought I had finally made it."

But for some four seasons his destiny was to flit in and out of the side, acknowledged as supremely gifted but held back by a lack of punch in front of goal, management's inability to discover his best position, and midfield competiton from Michel, Ricardo Gallego, Rafael Gordillo.

Only in the 1987-88 season did Martin Vazquez ensure a regular place, proving to be the ideal creative force for a free-scoring attack.

Real seemed set to fulfill the club's obsession with regaining the Champions' Cup after wins over Napoli, Porto and Bayern Munich, only to be eliminated at the semi-final stage by PSV Eindhoven, in a fit of frustrated pique.

Luis Suarez's Spanish Under-21 team captured the 1986 European Championship, so it was logical that when Luisito became boss of the 'A' squad in the autumn of 1988 many of his proteges should form the revamped backbone as Spain cruised to World Cup qualification. Martin Vazquez was among them.

At Italia '90 his genuine world class was in evidence for all to see, posing continual problems with crisp distribution and powerful running from deep, but in the image of Spain's lack of the killer instinct the old finishing flaw returned to haunt him.

A classic example came in the clash with Yugoslavia, a game the Spaniards should have wrapped up. Just after half-time he received the ball wide on the left and in a delicious moment of skill avoided Katanec, nutmegged Stojkovic and swerved inside Hadzibegic, only to miss with the goal at his mercy.

Opportunities such as that are rare in the often congested penalty areas of Italy's Serie A.

If Martin Vazquez is to emulate the Italian success of Luis Suarez – who spent a glorious decade with Inter after leaving Barcelona in 1961 – he needs a cooler head in addition to his undoubted technical gifts.

# One star leaves Spain but another moves in

BY NICK BIDWELL

*Eyes on the ball ... the great Asparoukhov (second from right) in action. Many fans see a likeness between him and Stoichkov.*

# Strong man Stoichkov

**"WE lack a centre forward like Hugo Sanchez," declared Dutch sweeper Ronald Koeman earlier this year while seeking to explain Barcelona's failure to wrest the 'Liga' title from the grasp of Real Madrid over the past five years.**

Some months later 'Barca' fans believe they have found the answer to their and Koeman's striking prayers in the muscular form of the Catalan club's summer signing from CSKA Sofia, Hristo Stoichkov, the Bulgarian who tied for last season's Golden Boot scoring award with Sanchez after notching 36 goals.

He also had impressed Barcelona when beating Andoni Zubizarreta on three occasions as CSKA were eliminated in the semi-final of the 1989 Cup-winners' Cup.

With no championship victory since Terry Venables led the 'azulgrana' to triumph in 1985, current Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff has been on the receiving end of much local criticism for allowing the proven marksmanship of new England captain Gary Lineker to quit the Nou Camp last year, but now Cruyff hopes that the £1.5 million spent on Stoichkov will enable him to rebut his doubters and the Bulgarian swiftly produced a return on that investment when scoring an opening day winner at the Sarria ground of city rivals Espanol.

Cruyff has been reported to have laid the blame for his side's lack of Spanish League success on the fact that his players are 'too nice' and sees the arrival of the present Bulgarian Footballer of the Year and his 'nasty temper' as the means to inject a more competitive and uncompromising element into his squad.

Certainly Stoichkov is not blessed with the calm temperament of a Lineker, his claim to infamy being a leading role in one of the most shameful incidents ever to afflict Bulgarian football. The then 19-year-old was a member of the CSKA side who met bitter capital city rivals Levski in the 1985 cup final, a match disfigured by fouls, dissent and a mass brawl.

Although he was fortunate not to be among the three players sent off that day, his punishment was to follow when the central committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party met in emergency session and announced the disbanding of the army side of CSKA and the Interior and Transport Ministry-backed Levski – the clubs would be renamed Sredets and Vitosha respectively, only to revert to their old banners this year – and the life suspension of Stoichkov and five other players.

However that ban was only to remain in force for the following 1985-86 term after the guilty parties were granted an amnesty in the wake of Bulgaria's qualification for the Mexico World Cup. Free to rebuild his career, Stoichkov has developed into the undisputed number one in his country's football, a performer as influential to his nation's cause as Hagi is to Romania or Stojkovic for Yugoslavia. Indeed during his CSKA days he was the highest-paid player in the country, with a monthly income of some £1,000, an astronomical figure considering that an average Bulgarian worker only makes £2,000 per annum.

Often likened to the great Bulgarian striker of the sixties, Georgi Asparoukhov – who was killed in a car crash some two decades ago – during his six seasons at CSKA Stoichkov was one of the main protagonists in the club's haul of three League titles. Dimiter Penev, who was recently ousted as CSKA coach as a result of a players' revolt, is quick to praise his ex-captain. "Stoichkov was an extremely important factor in our achievements," he says. "He is one of the few players around who is always capable of producing the unexpected at any moment in a game."

Hristo Stoichkov was born in the southern Bulgarian city of Plovdiv on February 2, 1966 and after turning out with the youngsters of his first club, Hebros Harmanli, he joined the Maritza Plovdiv team at the age of 12. Goalscoring feats propelled him through the ranks of the Third Division outfit until he was spotted by CSKA scouts and in the summer of 1984 packed his bags for the capital.

A Bulgarian youth, Under 21 and Olympic international, he graduated to full honours in September 1987 for a European Championship qualifier against Belgium in Sofia, playing in 66 minutes of his nation's 2-0 win before being replaced by the more experienced Iordanov. To date he has amassed 24 full appearances in which he has managed just four goals, a strike rate light years from his club record of proficiency.

"In the national team everything seems to be much more difficult," he explains. "After the World Cup in Mexico we have continually changed managers and for each game the team has been quite different. Without continuity both other players and myself have found it almost impossible to achieve consistency."

Unlike their Eastern Bloc compatriots of Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, who for some time now have exercised their soccer talents all over Europe, until quite recently Bulgaria's top names have tended to stay at home. Now the advent of 'perestroika' and the need for hard currency has softened attitudes within the Sofia authorities and has smoothed the path for the creation of a considerable colony of exiles including Kostadinov at Porto, Valencia's Penev, Sirakov with Espanol and Iliev at Bologna.

In the vanguard of the Bulgarian exodus abroad is one Hristo Stoichkov and his former coach at CSKA holds no doubts as to the player's ability to impress in Spain. "He is technically very gifted, quick and has a blistering shot," Dimiter Penev exclaims. "I am convinced that with the experiences of performing on foreign soil he will develop into one of the world's greats."

# LETTERS

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## Go back to 82 system

**SIR** – FIFA should go back to the 1982 system for the next World Cup. The 1982 tournament produced more goals and just as much drama as 1990.

The present system has made the first round almost meaningless, with too many shoot-outs and negative finalists.

I suggest using the better records of the first round to decide any ties between teams in the second round. This would reward teams playing better at the start, whereas such teams are virtually penalised under the present system.

There should be replays in the semi-final and final, if needed, with penalties after 120 minutes. Third place should be decided on penalties without a replay.

Teams would need to play a maximum of nine games under this system – hard but not impossible in a month-long event. And with no extra time until the last stages there would be fewer teams burning themselves out too soon.

If FIFA care at all for the fans, a return to the 1982 system is mandatory. – DAVID HEITNER, 93-10 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, New York, USA.

## Wrong picture

**SIR – I have read every edition of your magazine since 1982 and firmly believe it to be the world's most informative. But I write with great disappointment after reading Keir Radnedge's article about the World Cup final.**

**Argentina sneaked into the final through the managerial genius of Carlos Bilardo, whereas the Germans qualified through a mixture of strength, stamina and skill. On the last night, these qualities were missing.**

**Bilardo knew his makeshift team had no chance of matching their opponents in terms of ability, so he had to defend and hope to score on the counter-attack, just as they had succeeded in doing against Brazil.**

**But for inept decisions by the quite pathetic referee, Codesal, Argentina probably would have won. The two sending-off decisions were unwarranted, the penalty a joke. If it had gone to a shoot-out, I think Argentina would have scraped through.**

**You write "The question was just when would West Germany score?" but I saw no such evidence after having watched the game four times now. Possession is not always a sign of a goal coming.**

**The world's most important game for four years was decided by the referee, and I feel nothing but sympathy for Argentina. Your article gave a very distorted and inaccurate picture. – NICOLAS KAILIS, 16 Tranmore Way, City Beach, Western Australia.**

## Try this way

**SIR** – The top 24 teams in the World Cup should be divided into eight groups of three group matches are to be played on a league basis and the top two teams from each group are promoted to the second round. The total number of matches played in that round is 24.

In the second round, the 16 qualifiers are divided into four groups of four, and play on a league basis. Here again the top two teams are promoted to the quarter-final. The total number of matches is again 24.

From quarter-final through to final, matches are played on a knock-out basis. The total number of matches played is eight (including the third-place decider).

Thus the cumulative total of matches played during the tournament is 24 + 24 + 8 = 56, four more than under the present format, but ensuring that the really talented teams (and not necessarily traditional soccer giants) advance to the quarter-final stage, where Darwinian theory comes into force.

My country is not a soccer power in the real sense of the word. Still, we Indians are second to none in our love for the beautiful game. Hence this suggestion.

I am sending copies of this letter to FIFA and the ruling bodies of leading soccer nations. – K. MOHAN, 37/2, Rock Villa, 5th Cross Road, Robertsonpet, Kolar Gold Fields 563 122, Karnataka State, India.

*Settling . . . Brehme's penalty decider the World Cup's destination.*

## Half and half

**SIR** – I suggest that in Cup matches drawn after 90 matches there should be two "teams" of five defenders, including a goalkeeper, and five attackers, with each group remaining in one half of the pitch.

Play should continue until a goal is scored or possession is lost, whereupon it switches to the other half.

This would avoid the tedium of extra time and the unsatisfactory penalty shoot-out.

Unless changes are made, it won't just be the USA which largely ignores soccer. – JOHN SARICH, 1612 50th Street, Sacramento, California.

## A dark age

SIR – As an expatriate Scandinavian who had to watch the last two World Cups on television in the U.S.A, which means viewing most of the games with Spanish commentary, I am appalled both by the mediocre quality of the finals and the incomprehensible fact that so many European "experts" evidently think West Germany this year and Argentina in 1986 were worthy winners.

American sports broadcasters had a field day ridiculing the Italy World Cup: why should they be sorry to have missed games with few or no goals, frequently decided on a bizarre penalty shoot-out, and a final more boring than a Bulgarian movie?

What is extra frightful is that international football opinion has by and large accepted that German machine-football and Argentine machine-football laced with organised trickery is really good if not great.

Whenever Maradona wins, even if it is through blatant handballing, it is said he played spectacularly; whenever Argentina does not win, we hear that he was "injured" or "out of form".

For example, in last year's Copa America, when he set up Caniggia for an undeserved (referee-aided) 1-0 win over Uruguay in the preliminary round (a goal copied virtually step for step against Brazil in the World Cup), the world press heaped boundless praise on the great Maradona.

When Brazil and Uruguay in succession whipped Argentina 2-0 after brilliant play in the final round, the story took off a "pale shadow of the 86 Maradona".

It appears impossible to even contemplate that those Brazilian and Uruguayan teams were vastly superior to Argentina in the last two World Cups, that Bebeto and Ruben Sosa simply out-performed a Maradona playing at his best (which included a truly sensational lob).

And West Germany? How can one feel anything but contempt for, and indeed anger at, their last World Cup entries? And how were they any different or better in 90 than in 86, or in 88, when they failed pathetically to win the European Championship on home ground?

They beat glittering France in the 86 semi-final on a Brehme free-kick the keeper pushed into the net; exactly the same happened in the 90 semi-final. Their hugely undeserved equaliser against Italy in 88 was off a Brehme free-kick; their one goal against Holland 11 days later was a penalty fished out by Klinsmann.

Their lone quarter-final goal in Italy was another penalty secured by Klinsmann.

And in the final, after it again had become evident that the German team lacked the skill to produce a proper goal (even against rag-tag Argentinians), another penalty rescued them, this after one of many weak referees had saved West Germany in the semi-final by cheating Waddle out of a clear penalty.

Three dead-ball goals in three matches, one victory on penalty shoot-out? This is not a worthy World Champion. This is a mockery of the whole World Cup.

We should recall that even the horribly defensive-minded Italians in 1970, who (like Argentina in 1990) tried their best to ruin that final against Pele's Brazil, scored eight goals in their quarter-final and semi-final matches, all playing goals as that.

That helps to regain perspective, to see what a dark age West Germany and Argentina have dragged the World Cup into. I shudder to think of the ridicule American baseball fans and the like will heap on similar displays in the 94 World Cup – FREDERICK GABRIELSEN, Livingston, New Jersey 07039, U.S.A.

## WORLD SOCCER CROSSWORD

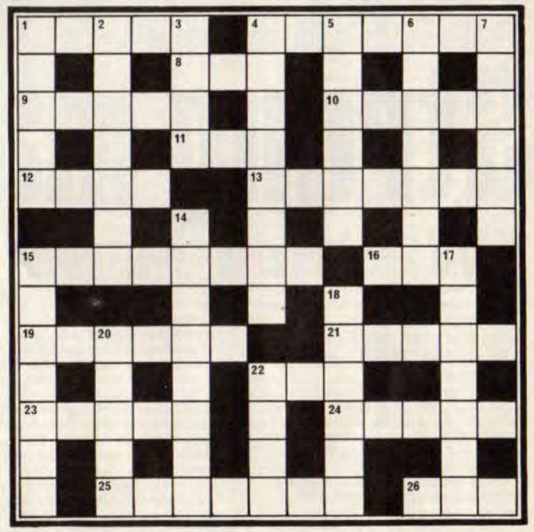
**Compiled by Barry Talbot**

### ACROSS

1. Scorer in the 1966 World Cup Final.
4. Top Spanish striker.
8. ---Park, home ground of Reading F.C.
9. Star forward in Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team.
10. Enrique, former Mexican striker.
11. See 26 across.
12. Brazilian scorer in the 1982 World Cup.
13. Legendary name in Uruguayan soccer.
15. Czech midfield star.
16. Brother of Dieter.
19. Liverpool squad member.
21. Forename of a West Ham international.
22. Played under 18 down.
23. Gylmars successor during the 1966 World Cup.
24. Former Real Madrid and Spanish midfield player.
25. Team once managed by 15 down.
26. Spanish striker of the sixties.

### DOWN

1. Ron, former Birmingham and Villa half back.
2. Team-mate of 4 across.
3. Former Burnley Welsh winger.
4. Polish winger of the eighties.
5. Member of West Germany's 1970 World Cup squad.
6. Star Swedish striker of the fifties.
7. International team manager.
14. Star of Italia 90.
15. Legendary English soccer manager.
17. Scorer in the first World Cup Final.
18. Former Dutch team boss.
20. Brazilian star of the sixties.
22. Dual scorer in the 1954 World Cup Final.



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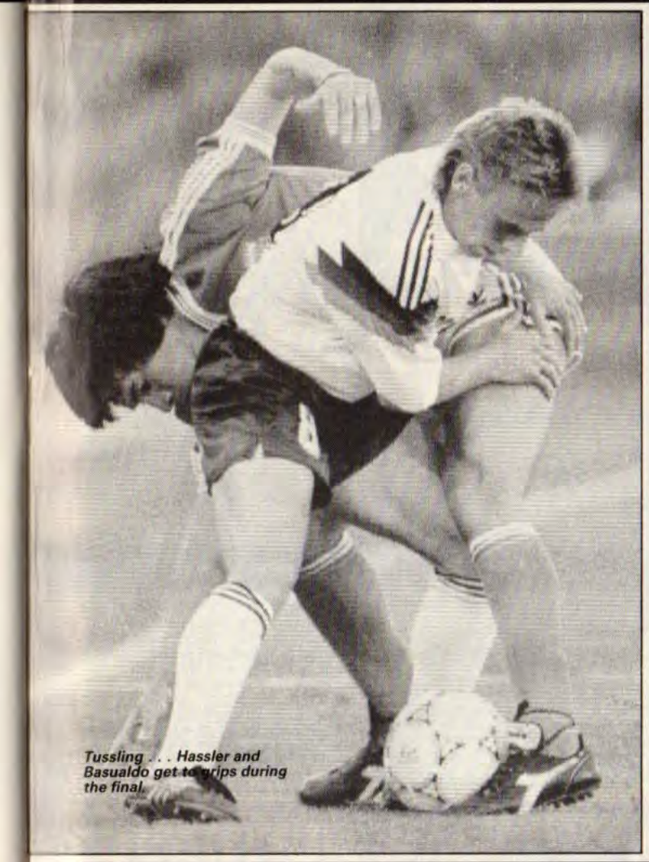
ACROSS: 1. Soler. 4. Hottges. 8. Iovan. 9. Derwall. 10. Tardelli. 11. Sala. 12. Croos. 13. Oblitas. 16. Boleyn. 18. Lattek. 20. Gil. 21. Lima. 22. Magy. 23. Lund. 24. Aris. 25. Hart. DOWN: 1. Swift. 2. Liverpool. 3. Rangers. 4. Hidalgo. 5. Toro. 6. Graca. 7. Sellars. 11. Shilton. 12. Cubilla. 14. Bellone. 15. Angell. 17. Evans. 19. Edgar.



*Tussling . . . Hassler and Basualdo get to grips during the final.*

## PEN PALS

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**International Football Book No 32. Edited by Hallam Gordon; Souvenir Press, 43 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3PA; price £8.95:**
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**Wolverhampton Wanderers Greats by David Instone; Tottenham Hotspur Greats by Harry Harris; Arsenal Greats by Keith Fisher; Aston Villa Greats by Leon Hickman; More Celtic Greats by Hugh Keevins; all published by Sportsprint Publishing, 138 St Stephen Street, Edinburgh EH3 5AA; each priced at £6.50:**
Ideal stocking- filler material for fans of these specific clubs.

**In Black and White. By Mike Kirkup; Stanley Paul, Randon Century House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SA; price £12.99:**
The story of Jackie Milburn, told partly in his own words.

**Arsenal: The Champions' Year. By Harry Miller; Partridge Press, 61-63 Uxbridge Road, London W5 5SA:**
The inside story of the aftermath to a famous championship success.

**The Dons. By Jack Webster; Stanley Paul, Random Century House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SA:**
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**The Official Liverpool 1991 Annual. By Stan Liversedge; Hamlyn, Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 6RB:**
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## VIDEO REVIEW

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## INFORMATION D·E·S·K

**D M SAUCE**, Warrington, Cheshire: Former West German goalkeeper Toni Schumacher is still with the Turkish club Fenerbahce but has been out of action because of injury.

**MICHELLE BARBER**,Flitwick, Bedfordshire: Lothar Matthaus made his name with Borussia Moenchengladbach, went on to Bayern Munich and joined Internazionale of Milan in 1988. In his first season he led them to the Italian league title and then, of course, captained West Germany to World Cup victory this summer.
Matthaus was born on March 21, 1961 and has scored 10 goals in 83 internationals.

Hungary from Brian O'Sullivan

# SOME NEW HOPE ... BUT REVIVAL IS DELAYED

NYILASI MESZOLY

**A CHRONIC problem is delaying a revival in Hungarian soccer. That people such as Gyorgy Mezey, after facing the wall for the national team's collapse in the 1986 World Cup finals and seeing the seediness of the bribery scandal, is prepared to accept a long-term contract with a club – Honved – for the first time in ten years provides a dash of optimism.**

His new team began happily, with two wins, while Ferencvaros, under Tiborn Nyilasi, a newcomer to, management, followed victory over Videoton-Waltham in a four-team pre-season tournament at their Ulloi ut stadium that also included Newcastle United and Cercle Bruges by hammering the champions, Ujpest Dozsa, 5-2 away on opening day.

Now to the reality ... of a country whose national team is under the control of a former world-class player living under the black cloud of a six-month suspended prison sentence for being implicated in the match-fixing bribery scandal ... of a national federation shown up in the courts by the previous manager, Bertalan Bicskei, for unfair dismissal, each hearing costing the federation money they can ill-afford to fritter. They say they need Ft100,000,000 to conduct their affairs properly, and only Ft6,000,000 is forthcoming from the state.

## Quietly

Janos Vermes, an individual who has written about the plight of the game, threw his hat into the ring, challenging the president, Dr Mihaly Laczko, to relinquish the post and let him run the ship, with guaranteed finance coming from his business connections. That Laczko is prepared to withdraw quietly, so soon after his 'election' and having stood over the Meszoly-in-Bicskei-out affair, merely emphasises the need for a voice of morality and authority to be heard and heeded.

As well as the national federation, the clubs need money, too. All those in the first division, according to Mezey, are losing money each year. "We pay too much to players in comparison with the living standards but the clubs, from the performances of the players, do not receive a lot of money; all the income does not cover the expenses," he says. "We are not creating a flourishing business which is what football is like all over the world."

The solution? Honved, with minimal support now from what was their main sponsor, the Army, but retaining their name because it is synonymous with Puskas and a great era, have developed the business of buying and selling players, changing them in clear-outs every two or three seasons.

The main motivation for the Hungarian player nowadays is to play abroad," Mezey says. "But even if a club piles up money from selling players it needs good people involved to manage that money. Money itself is nothing, it must be used, and now it is difficult to use money well in Hungary.

"Why have I jumped into hot water again? I was so fed up with Hungarian football, because of the bribery scandal and other problems that I escaped, went somewhere, to Hanko, a second division club in Finland, to get some fresh air. Then, early this year, I was asked to help Videoton-Waltham, and to respect the memory of their coach, Gabor Kaszas, who had been my student, until the end of last season. I felt a moral reason for doing this. Then I received a lot of invitations from abroad but, for family reasons, I decided to stay at home. I got this invitation from Honved and after a few days I decided to accept a two-year contract.

"During the last ten to 15 years I have felt a very good connection, been well-disposed, to Honved, who would have eight to ten players in the national squad when I was coach. Now, as well as having several new players to the club, and several having left, there is also the case of Istban Vincze. At Lecce last season he was not a regular and also got injured. Honved, Lecce and Tatabanya, his previous Hungarian club, are talking about a transfer. Vincze had an operation three weeks ago.

"We need Vincze very much in order to build up the team. But this is a good club, with friendly surroundings, and the players are eager to obtain results. Because these players, without good results are not receiving money ... I want results, too, for my self-esteem and for family reasons. I was attacked so much and I would like to show that my work is still valuable."

Ferencvaros, with a French benefactor, Jean-Claude Bras, an international building contractor, is giving more than what any first division club has a right to expect. Nyilasi says: "The club has been in financial difficulty and he is providing 50 per cent of the football section's budget. He tries for one year. If the results are good he gives more money. He is interested in the country, the World Exhibition is coming up and he says there is much support for Ferencvaros.

"Hungarian football clubs are in trouble, financially, and it is very difficult for them. The players want to go to foreign clubs so it is hard for a manager to produce a good team. Fischer and Pinter are back here from western European clubs but only for one year and only because the Frenchman wanted it.

"I can't buy any more players so there will be no Litovchenkos here. If I had the possibility, it would be nice to have better players. As it is, I have quite a young team but I am expecting a few – Fischer, Limperger, for example – to do well.

"It is essential that all the players must give the maximum of their possibilities; I don't like half-solutions. As for me, the challenges of being a manager, as compared to those when I played, are more difficult because I am responsible for making all of them ready. And once the match has started, I am quite helpless, my possibilities narrow alarmingly. But I have completed three years of a four-year sports trainers' course at the Budapest sports university and, also, I undertook a course in sports management in Vienna while I was still playing there."

## Applause

Nyilasi, having ended his playing days with Austria Vienna, managed his own business, an ice-cream shop and video library, and now has two sons; Tibor, aged seven, and Balint, born in the spring. That he should be held in such awe at his only Hungarian club is a blessing ... the tall, straight-backed goal-maker will always be remembered for his playing style, tap-dance footwork when on the ball, and that distinctive, gliding, unhurried movement. When, on the opening day of the pre-season tournament at Ulloi ut, he walked across the pitch to the kispad for his first competitive match as manager, seemingly unaffected by the applause, the mood created left the thought that a small piece of history was in the making.

Rarely do fine players become better-known as managers yet football comes so easily to Nyilasi ... "The World Cup did not produce many nice things. It was a tournament of modern gladiator battles. Without criticising Argentina, if such a team could get to the final the quality could not be very good. Because, without Maradona, they had not very good quality. But I was very sorry for England, and I'm not just being polite in saying this."

So having declined an offer to assist Meszoly with the national team, preferring to attempt to achieve something with the green-and-whites on a two-year contract, we can but wait to gauge the progress of him and his team, of the players he prepares for Meszoly whose own playing career, what he did when in the national dress, is mitigating factor in the light of his hands being in the till of the bribery scandals. There is also the difficulty of the European Championship group with opponents such as Italy and the Soviet Union.

Meszoly says: "The Soviet Union are building a new team and have 50 players of the same, high standard. Italy, also, have a lot of players. People in Hungary like only to see Hungary win; they are not interested in other countries' problems.

## Better

"The World Cup showed that any team (Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica) can win and we have a chance if we build a good team. We played better than Colombia here just before the World Cup and had no problems to beat them. Yet West Germany had problems, although I accept that this was a World Cup match and our one wasn't.

"Hungarian players may have become more knowledgeable from their experience with western clubs but, in the past, their standard of ability was better. With more players abroad now, I hope that the home-based players will try harder so as to play abroad, to earn hard currency.

"Of course, I like offensive football but in this group we have difficult opponents and we must be able to defend against them first. I am in full agreement with FIFA on the fairplay issue. When I played I never did such dangerous tackling as is done now. If Albert went past me I did not foul him. Now, no one is happy to be a forward. I plan to make a speech to the federation that in the first division the referees officiate like FIFA so that our players will be prepared for international referees."

The views of three men who know their future and that of their country's foot will not be easy. Yet, as in the general life of the country, in which the media is all-investigative and exposing like it has not done in a long while, knowing the reality is good.



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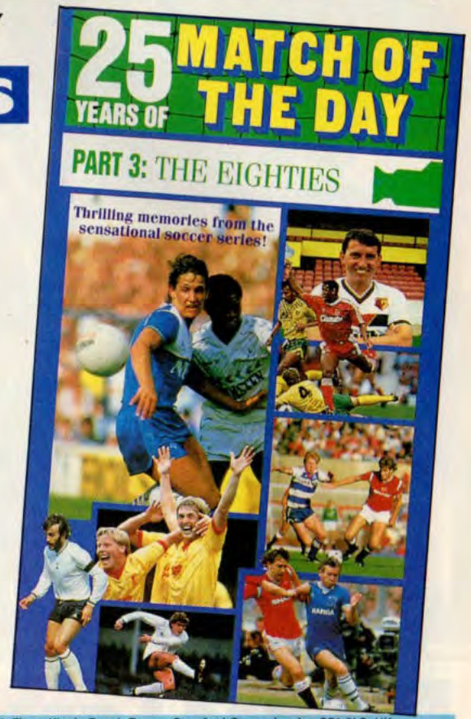


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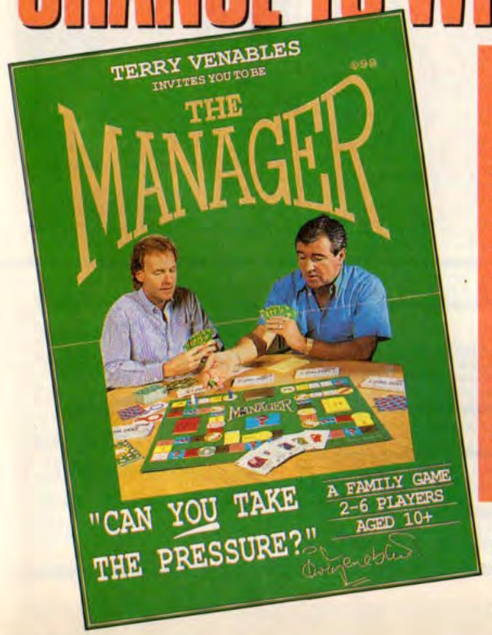


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# TIDDLERS!

*Celebration ... the Faroes make merry after their goal in Copenhagen. A cheering sight for the fan (inset) with the novel make-up.*

# But the Faroes are thinking big

**BY ANDREW CONRADI**

GOALKEEPER Jens Martin Knudsen, he of the white woolly hat that brought him more notoriety than his handling, is back driving a truck. Joannes Jakobsen, his captain, has returned to his job as a fish salesman.

And Pall Gudlaugsson, the coach, can't wait to get back to Gota, a tiny hillside community where he runs a thriving sportswear shop with his wife.

After the most euphoric month in their short-lived history as a full-time member of UEFA, life has returned to normal for the Faroe Islands and their brave bunch of amateur footballers.

Everyone connected with game, apart from any fans who might have been living in an isolated igloo or a remote jungle, must by now have heard the remarkable story in Group 4 of the European Championship qualifying competition.

The 1-0 victory over Austria by the Faroes in their first competitive international ranked among the sport's greatest upsets and prompted a media campaign that had Poul Michelsen, mayor of Torshavn, the capital, shaking his head with both pride and disbelief.

That game was followed by a 4-1 defeat in Copenhagen by Denmark, but Gudlaugsson's players were anything but disconsolate and celebrated at a party – attended by more than 1,000 Faroese fans – after what they perceived as a moral victory.

Now, with their third championship game not scheduled to take place until May next year, one month after the resumption of their domestic season, it's time for the Faroes to sit back and watch the other teams in the group – Denmark, Austria, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland – scrap for points.

Gudlaugsson is a 32-year-old Icelander who trains the national team three times a week, after work of course. A short break from the stream of phone calls and interviews since the Austria game has come as a welcome relief for him.

"Some say I've aged more within the last one or two months than in the last two years," he said. "But I'm proud of this team and what they have achieved."

Few soccer nations have invoked such romance and fascination as the Faroes, whose players are all part-time, train on a muddy school pitch, play their "home" matches 900 miles away in Landskrona, Sweden, because UEFA ban their plastic surfaces, and receive not a penny in bonuses or any other income from the sport.

So loyal are the Faroes' 47,000 people that before the games against Austria and Denmark, they delved into their pockets and came out with enough money to compensate the players for loss of wages incurred by playing for their country.

They'll do the same for every remaining qualifier because for the Faroes, unlike their professional colleagues, a day away from the fish factory or the office means a day's wages lost.

"The money from the people is magnificent but it's only a drop in the ocean," said Gudlaugsson who hopes that by the time the Faroes play their next home game, it really will be at home, in front of their own public.

Despite the windswept, rain-lashed climate that turns soil to mud for most of the year, progress is under way on a stadium with a grass pitch at a cost of £1.54 million, while there are plans to construct another just outside Torshavn, which could be completed within a year and hold more than 15,000 spectators. "Ideally, that would be the national stadium," Gudlaugsson said. "I've always thought we should have it in the capital where most of our people are." Most, incidentally, means 15,000, making Torshavn Europe's smallest capital.

By then, Gudlaugsson, who has just renewed his contract – "a handshake is good enough for me," he says modestly – hopes to have improved the standard of his 30-strong squad of senior players.

Gudlaugsson knows his players can only improve. "Some of them lack technique, some are too slow, others need more strength. These are all things I'll be working on during the winter."

But he saw enough against Denmark to believe that his squad are the best all-amateur team in Europe. "The Danes were luckier than we were. We gave them two and could easily have scored another ourselves.

"If the first half had ended 1-1, it could well have been a different game. I know it sounds odd but the players were far better than they were against Austria, especially in defence. It shows how much they learned, even from one game."

The one big disappointment was Torkil Nielsen, the midfielder who became an overnight celebrity on the 18 tiny islands, situated midway between Iceland and Norway, when he scored the goal that beat Austria in Landskrona.

"He was in a different world against the Danes," Gudlaugsson said. "He's a shy family man and doesn't like publicity. It showed."

## Attention

Gudlaugsson would like nothing more than for his players to attract the attention of foreign clubs. "There have been some talks but nothing more. It would be good for the squad and for Faroese football in the long term for some of them to play abroad. My goalkeeper is certainly good enough to play in the English First Division."

Knudsen, whose hero is Peter Shilton, is keen to go and take his trademark hat with him, not that he would be allowed to wear it in the company of professionals. "I started wearing the hat nine years ago after getting kicked on the head," he said. "I took it off once but didn't play very well. It's become a psychological thing."

Gudlaugsson says: "I tell the players that every time they go out and play or train, they are ambassadors. They are presenting something very, very special.

"I let them go a bit crazy after the Denmark game because they had been playing football since January. But not one of them got drunk. They are very down to earth."

As the letters of congratulations poured into the one-room office of the Faroes F.A., some from as far afield as the United States, Gudlaugsson put into perspective just what the football team mean to the islands, where fishing – representing more than 90 per cent of industry – is in economic decline.

"The Austria result was a light in the dark. People are more optimistic about their lives again. They have seen through football what they are capable of if they stand together. That is my greatest joy."

*Inspiration ... Joannes Jakobsen, captain of the Faroes.*

THE PLAYERS

Name/date of birth/club/number of caps/profession.

Goalkeepers

Jens Martin Knudsen, 11/6/67, NSI Runavik, 11, truck driver.

Kaj Leo Joannesen, 28/8/64, HB Torshavn, 2 fish salesman.

Jakup Mikkelsen, 14/8/70, KI Klaksvik, 0, student.

Defenders

Joannes Jakobsen, 25/8/61, HB Torshavn, 28, office clerk.

Julian Hansen, 2/8/63, HB Torshavn, 19, student.

Poul Enok Hansen, 15/10/63, GI Gotu, 12, carpenter.

Mikkjal Danielsen, 16/5/60, MB Midvag, 24, mechanic.

Ib Mohr Olsen, 23/11/65, B 71 Sandur, 2, bank assistant.

Allan Morkore, 22/11/71, KI Klaksvik, 3, painting shop assistant.

Pol F. Joenssen, 21/8/67, TB Tvaera, 3, carpenter.

Midfielders

Tummas Eli Hansen, 11/2/66, B36 Torshavn, 6, electrician.

Torkil Nielsen, 26/1/64, SIF Sandavag, 19, salesman.

Magni Jarnskor, 16/11/68, GI Gotu, 8, electrician.

Joan Pauli Olsen, 17/8/68, VB Vagur, 0, student.

Roi Arting, 19/9/67, HB Torshavn, 1, student.

Kurt Morkore, 20/2/69, KI Klaksvik, 9, baker.

Ossur Hansen, 7/1/71, B68 Toftir, 1, foreman.

Abraham Hansen, 16/6/59, IF Fuglefjord, 20, export salesman.

Strikers

Eli Hantze, 1/9/69, B71 Sandur, 1, student

Jens Erik Rasmussen, 2/2/68, MB Midvag, 6, unemployed.

Kari Reynheim, 15/2/64, B36 Torshavn, 19, electrician.

Gunnar Mohr, 17/7/63, HB Torshavn, 4, salesman.

Jan Allan Muller, 25/7/69, VB Vagur, 1, student.

Jan Dam, 7/9/68, HB Torshavn, 6, student.

*Desolation ... Bonini (left) with Wark in the Juventus-Liverpool game at Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in 1985.*

# TODDLERS!

# San Marino babes are so relaxed

**BY NICK BIDWELL**

LITTLE San Marino, inspired by the incredible success of the Faroe Islands, are keen to emphasise that there are no pushovers left in international soccer. But it's not going to be easy.

In addition to the visit of Uli Stielke's Switzerland to San Marino's home Serravalle ground, in November, the subsequent six months will see the arrival of European Championship qualifying rivals Romania, Scotland and Bulgaria, all established powers anxious to justify the form book at the expense of UEFA's latest licence-holder.

San Marino, situated west of the Adriatic resort of Rimini in north-eastern Italy, is a republic of only 23 square miles clinging to Mount Titano.

The country officially became a member of UEFA on June 24 this year, affiliated to FIFA eight days later, and now looks forward to continental competition – with any thoughts of upsetting the odds tempered by a considerable dose of realism.

"We'll remain modest, not deluding ourselves as to our capabilities," says San Marino's football president, Giorgio Crescentini.

"The main thing for us is to participate and learn," he continues in true Corinthian fashion. "We shall do our best to give a good image of our soccer and our little country.

"We are in no position to fight for victory on the field at all costs, but instead we will be looking for a win for our hospitality and humility."

The national team manager, Cesare Casali, emphasises the fact that the underdog label attached to his team should allow them to enjoy the novelty of official competition unburdened by expectations.

"Of course I do not know that pressure or stress means," he jokes. "I must be the most relaxed manager in the world."

San Marino, a republic which depends for its prosperity on the twin staples of tourism and the production of postage stamps, has had a football association since 1931, but for over 50 years the federation operated in a half-hearted and piecemeal manner.

## Wanted

Only in 1985, with PE teacher Crescentini's election as president of the association, did the evolutionary process of the republic's footballing identity begin to accelerate.

"I wanted to build a more aggressive organisation," he declares. "It was a question of creating an infrastructure in keeping with our soccer-mad inhabitants."

The people of San Marino certainly love soccer. More than 1,000 of the 22,000 population are regular players – a percentage of participation among the highest in the world.

The first step in the coming of age of San Marino football was its amicable breakaway in 1985 from the Italian federation (FIGC), a move for independence closely followed by the establishment of their own championship, with ten teams in the First Division and six in the Second.

The plan includes a concerted effort to nurture the talent of young players. The Under-21 team, in their first European Championship last season, lost home and away to Italy and Switzerland, but Crescentini believes the experience will be of value in the long term.

The role model for aspiring young players in the republic is midfielder Massimo Bonini, who plays for Bologna. He will be the captain and lynchpin of his country's quest for respectability in Europe.

Bonini, now 31, had seven seasons with Juventus, from 1981 to 1988, when his tenacious "engine room" running was seen by Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni as the ideal compliment to the more delicate touches of Michel Platini and Zibi Boniek.

He won three championships with Juve, as well as the Champions' Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup.

Bonini has distinguished himself more by virtue of selflessness and stamina than goalscoring exploits. He has a League tally of only nine goals and failed to net in 42 European ties before Bologna's match against the Poles of Zaglebie Lubin this season, when he got vital away-leg winner in the first round of the UEFA Cup.

He believes he will be able to aid the San Marino cause because of his considerable experience of pressurised competitive life in Turin, but underlines the gulf in aspirations.

"At Juventus we were expected to win every game, but with San Marino hard and fast objectives are impossible," he declares. "Our European Championship matches will be more important for human reasons rather than do-or-die principles.

"But it will be an exciting adventure for the team and myself, whatever the outcome."

With eyes firmly fixed on the future, the San Marino federation are renovating the main ground, the Serravalle Olympic stadium, which can house only 4,000 spectators. And an ambitious project for an indoor sports arena with a 9,000 capacity will be off the drawing board soon.

Yet the most difficult task for San Marino is the problem of manpower, the dilemma of assembling a side sufficiently competitive to present credible opposition to the likes to Hagi, McCoist and Stoichkov.

## Restricted

The republic's foremost side, AC San Marino, consists exclusively of Italians, and the championship is acknowledged by the locals to be of sub-standard quality.

Manager Casali has a severely restricted pool from which to select a squad. Each weekend he travels around the republic's football grounds prospecting for future national heroes, but he admits that talent is not growing on the trees.

Only one player in the national league – 22-year-old Teodoro Bernardini – can be sure of a starting place in the European Championship line-up.

"We are counting principally on Bonini and other exiles for the basis of our team," says Casali. "After our first official match, in 1985 against the Danish side of Odense, I received a number of phone calls from Italian Second and Third Division players who held San Marino nationality.

"We had not been aware of them, but they made themselves known, and their subsequent inclusion in the team has been beneficial."

Last words from president Crescentini: "The fact that we have been recognised and accepted by UEFA and FIFA is a great satisfaction for us. Now we can only do our best to ensure that we do not become the laughing stock of Europe."

Ancelotti ... still seeking full fitness.

ITALY BY PADDY AGNEW

# Better and better

## It's looking like a real super league

HAS the Italian league become all together much more competitive?

The question comes in the light of the clean sweep made by all seven Italian sides in the first round of this season's European club competitions.

The point about that achievement is that, back home, nearly all the clubs in question were having a bewildering variety of early season problems.

Even though all three European trophies are currently in Italian hands, not many "tifosi" would have forecast a full house.

Traditionally, Italian clubs are a long way short of their best form in September.

AC Milan, absent from Europe because of a first round bye, are still waiting for such as Ruud Gullit, Carlo Ancelotti and Paolo Maldini to make full recoveries from injury.

Juventus still look like a building site – the basic structure is there but early all the essential finishing touches are missing.

Inter have lost important players such as Davide Fontolan, Paolo Maldini and (for a while) Lothar Matthaus. More importantly, they have lost league games (0-1 away to Torino).

Bologna ended the first month bottom of the table, Roma initially flattered only to fade, and Sampdoria could not name 16 first team players for their Supercup game against AC Milan, such was the seriousness of their injury problems.

Then, of course, there is Napoli. Two defeats, two draws and only one win against the scarcely intimidating likes of Lecca, Cagliari, Parma, Pisa and Genoa would suggest that all is not well with the reigning champions. Quite true.

Much is wrong with Napoli, beginning with the all too familiar fact that captain Diego Maradona has not always been available. Even when present he has been short of his definitive best.

Only the admirably consistent Atalanta could have been described as in reasonable condition on the eve of European action.

So how come this collection of strugglers, disappointments and unfit sides all made it to the second round? Simple, really. Being bad in most European first divisions is one thing. Being bad in Italy is another.

The results show what many of us have suspected over the last three or four Italian seasons: that where in the past the Italian league was dominated by three or four super clubs (Juventus, Inter, AC Milan, Napoli), now the constant financial growth of the game in Italy has led to an overall strengthening.

Clubs who would have been happily settled for a draw or a modest defeat at the hands of the "Bigs" now fancy their chances.

There are no soft touches in Italian soccer any more. This season, Cagliari and Parma have proved that to Napoli's cost, and Lazio, Cesena and Atalanta all experienced the misery of undeserved 90th minute draws with AC Milan, Juventus and Inter.

We await the further testing of this thesis in the stormy waters of European competition.

POLAND BY BOB VAUGHAN

# GORNIK AMONG THE GOALS

AFTER a third of the championship had been completed GKS Katowice led by a point from Zaglebie Lubin and the surprising early pacemakers, promoted Hutnik from Cracow.

The tournament has to some extent regained public interest despite the departure of so many top players abroad. The cause? A flurry of goals.

On the other hand Stal Mielec's visit to Katowice produced only one score, by which the hosts took the points, but it produced an excellent spectacle. Meanwhile Hutnik were going down to Lech and Gornik were coming into form with an 8-0 win over Olympia Poznan.

Lech had a good start in Europe, putting out Panathinaikos with goals to spare. Winning both legs was more than had been expected. Legia also went through. Anything else would have been disastrous given the strength, or lack of it, of the so-called Swift from Luxembourg.

In the UEFA Cup Katowice, too, had little to beat but Zaglebie found Bologna tougher and, as expected, went out.

The national team were none too impressive in the 2-0 defeat by England.

Form in the friendlies, a 2-1 loss in Romania and a goalless draw in France, suggested that the defence has been tightened, but rather more resolution will be needed if the Poles are to have any hope of reaching the European Championship finals in Sweden.

Wdowczyk ... one of the key men in the Poland squad.

WEST GERMANY BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# Kaiserlautern do it Feldkamp style

**SOME 37 years after winning their last national championship title (the Bundesliga had not yet been formed then), I.FC Kaiserslautern on course to make up for the intervening years of disappointment.**

After eight rounds they stood proudly on top of the league, ahead of the big spenders from Munich, Leverkusen and Frankfurt.

Seven months ago they were languishing in one but last place in the Bundesliga. Then "Kalli" Fieldkamp returned to the club he had already once managed between 1978 and 1982; he replaced the hapless Gerd Roggensack. The "Red Devils" finished the season in 12th spot and won the DFB-Cup.

Recently, despite the absence of three key men because of injury, Kaiserslautern looked impressive. Fieldkamp showed his lucky touch by sending out four inexperienced youngsters who more than justified their selection.

Team captain and top scorer Stefan Kuntz claims that 40 per cent of success is down to mental attitude, the rest is achieved thanks to the marvelous motivation by the 56-year-old Feldkampt.

Their only defeat in the opening weeks of the season was a painful 4-0 against Bayern in Munich. But it speaks volumes for Kaiserslautern's resilience that they bounced back in style and just two weeks later demolished Bayer Uerdingen by 7-3 away.

It is, of course, too early to make predictions, but should the "Lautere" win their third title and their first in the Bundesliga, no one outside Munich would begrudge them their success.

Feldkamp ... he's still showing that lucky touch.

## Stress

In Munich, meanwhile, inquests were launched and the atmosphere was decidedly subdued following the first defeat of the season by Werder Bremen 1-0. Earlier, it will be remembered Bayern crashed out of the Cup to the amateurs of FV Weinham?

Now it is claimed that the World Cup heroes did not get enough rest after 'Italia 90'. In effect, the German season re-started in the first week in August with the DFB-Cup. Bayern's six men from the national squad on duty in Italy, might have been the victims of too much stress.

To make matters worse, the team were weakened by injuries to Olaf Thon (damaged ligaments), Roland Grahammer (ankle) and 'keeper Raimond Aumann (stomach muscle strain), while Stefan Reuter was suspended for four weeks following his sending off in the match v. Fortuna Dusseldorf for a retaliatory foul. And reserve striker Alan McInally, the Scottish international, was also absent through a hamstring problem.

Bayern are still not happy with their strikes. The latest pairing of Brian Laudrup/Roland Wohlfarth has not fulfilled expectations and this part of the team could well become Bayern's achilles heel.

Other top clubs are also experiencing trouble, albeit on the managerial side. At Koln the change of team chief has not brought the desired improvement.

In June, Christoph Daum was fired after 17 years with the Rhinelanders. He was replaced by Erich Rutemoller another long serving 'Kolner'. Later there were internal squabbles, while the fans demanded the resignation of the board.

In Germany the clubs are not, like in England, limited companies, but run by committees which are periodically elected. In desperation the board at Koln named Pierre Littbarski as a temporary business manager.

It was the first time in the history of the Bundesliga that an active player was also the commercial manager. But "Litti" was soon replaced by the venerable Udo Lattek (the most successful coach in German club history).

He returned to Koln after a year spell as a journalist and columnist.

Daum, meantime, was said to be negotiating with Hamburger SV, who recently appointed their former international forward Georg Volkert as business manager. It is generally assumed that the days of Gerd-Volker Schock as team boss are numbered.

One of the few foreigners to be honoured by a testimonial match, was the former England international Tony Woodcock. The 34-year-old 42 times capped striker, who made his name with Nottingham Forest, was feted in West Germany where he played first for Koln and lately for Second Division Fortuna Cologne, between 1979 and 1982 and then from 1986 till recently, before a complicated ankle injury forced him to give up the game.

For Woodcock's farewell match in Cologne, a crowd of 6,000 turned up to see an encounter between Fortuna and Koln.

In Fortuna's rankers were England's veteran 'keeper and the world's most capped player, Peter Shilton (41, with 125 internationals), strikers Gary Lineker and Trevor Francis and the former Danish international sweeper Morten Olsen.

Koln included the former West German World Cup winning 'keeper Sepp Maier, international Rainer Bonhof (currently new assistant to the new national team manager Berti Vogts), the widely travelled Bernd Schuster and the brothers Thomas and Klaus Allofs, also former internationals. Tony Woodcock is now the Technical Director at Fortuna.

Klaus Allofs, capped 56 times and twice Bundesliga top scorer (1979 and 1985), now nearly 34, has returned from Bordeaux (France) to join Werder Bremen.

Two against one ... but Opel-sponsored Bayern still beat Kaiserlautern 4-0.

EAST GERMANY BY BOB VAUGHAN

# ALL CHANGE

## But some things stay the same

**UNITED Deutschland is more than a month old, the GDR and the national team are no more. Mourning has not been very evident but, as one veteran commentator put it, you cannot ignore or forget 40 odd, in various senses, years of football.**

No other country in European history has dissolved itself as the GDR has but that is not yet the case with the FA, the Deutscher Fussball-Verband, which probably will become Regional FA North East once the current season ends.

The president, former Magdeburg goalkeeper Hans-Georg Moldenhauer, was co-opted up to 1992, but that was before the many subsequent developments, which could not have been anticipated.

Others, however, are still in office, such as Manfred Zapf, who at the beginning of the qualification campaign for Italia '90 was national coach and is now back on a comfortable FA secretarial seat, at least for the moment.

## Doubtful

Such relics of the old GDR are holding up progress as they strive to keep a job, but Moldenhauer claims it is very difficult to change arrangements made before his time and until the offices in Berlin's Storkower Strasse close or become North East FA headquarters.

How many former GDR FA officials will have jobs in the new-up under a bigger DFB (German FA) umbrella, radiating from Frankfurt-on-Main, is doubtful. One coach is ex-Dynamo Dresden stopper "Dixie" Doerner. Moldenhauer may be another, and 1970 World Cup Final referee Rudi Glockner could be a key man on referees' committees in the future.

National coach Geyer is out. His job went with the final whistle in Brussels, where the GDR played their 293rd and last official international. The first was 38 years earlier, all but a week, against Poland in Warsaw.

The captain that day, Horst "Schere" Scherbaum, had just completed his course of physical education training in Leipzig, and thinks that was why he was made skipper.

There was a short training session at Planitz, a brief stay in Gruenau to collect kit ... and eight night hours in a train. There were 40,000 in the Army Stadium in Warsaw when a spirited GDR ran out of steam and lost 3-0 although the official sports paper in Berlin claimed "So near to victory!"

Scherbaum, still called Fussball-Chef in Leipzig, will be present to see the East v West confrontation in the Zentralstadion on 21 November, 90 years after the setting-up of the first German Football Association.

In Brussels, departing managing Geyer celebrated a famous victory with a ghost squad. Many regulars who owe their present contract at Bundesliga clubs to him either could not or would not accept the invitation to the game in Brussels which replaced the cancelled European Championship qualifier.

Geyer had only 14 players available, but worked the motivation miracle again – he lost only the critical match in Vienna in his year in the post – and created an unlikely victory.

Perhaps Geyer's reward will be a contract in the Bundesliga – something more demanding than youth trainer at Schalke.

FC Berlin prop up the Oberliga and are now out of the Cup, defeated 2-1 in extra time by cross-town rivals First FC Union. With Hertha bottom of the Bundesliga it is a bad time for Berlin soccer.

## GREECE BY LOUIS ECONOMOPOULOS

BORROWING a page from ancient Greek history, the northern Greek city of Salonica has declared war on the country's capital, Athens, down south.

Of course, we are talking about soccer and not the actual war which Greek city states were involved with in the past.

However, rival fans from the two Cities often engage in pitch battles against each other before and after, and sometimes during, these First Division matches. This season is no exception.

But a new element was added early on this campaign when PAOK of Salonica walked off the pitch during its contest with Panathinaikos of Athens in the Athens Olympic Stadium. The northerners thought the referee was not giving them a fair shake in the match, which they were losing at the time in the second half 3-1, so the administration of the club took off their team in protest.

Needless to say, the 35,000 fans, officials and sports writers were shocked when at the 77th minute of the contest PAOK President Thomas Voulince ordered his team off the field after referee Ilias Karamanis showed red cards to two PAOK players.

"I am the president of a historic team and not president of some disarranged league. I take full responsibility for the actions of my club. We must realised someday that the league is not only in Athens but in other cities as well. All teams should be treated fairly and not because they are from Athens. I hope our action will help improve the league," Voulinoas said.

PAOK coach Rob Jacobs said: "This is not a league. In the first 30 seconds of the contest the referee showed a yellow card to one of my players without reason. From then on I know what was to follow.

## SWITZERLAND BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# Stielike shapes the Swiss

THE Swiss national side, which in recent games has often promised more than it could deliver, has at last strung together a highly successful run which is a good sign for the future.

The last win was the most important – a 2-0 over Bulgaria to start the European Championship qualifying run. Their other rivals are Scotland, Romania and San Marino. As the Helvetians prepared to tackle Scotland at Hampden in mid-October, they recalled that on the last occasion when they met, also in a European series (1982-84), they beat the Scots 2-0 in Bern and drew in Glasgow 2-2.

The Swiss were unbeaten in five matches which produced four wins, including one over Romania (friendly), while the 1-1 draw was against the then world champions Argentina, but they lost 2-1 to the Scots.

*Koller ... combining in a classy midfield.*

### Fighters

Manager Uli Stielike has done a fine job so far, yet the German is still not satisfied: "We are still third class but now on the way to becoming second class", he says.

The former world star can count himself fortunate to have found a classy midfield with three men from the same club, the champions Grasshoppers, namely Thomas Bickel (27), Marcel Koller (30) and Alain Sutter (22). They combine well and form the right blend of fighters and technicians.

The Turkish-born striker Kubilay Turkyilmaz is a dangerous finisher, while the experience is provided by the veteran midfielder Heinz Hermann (32) who against Bulgaria played in his record-breaking 104th international.

In the 'National-Liga A' (First Division), Lausanne were setting the pace after 11 rounds (half way), while Sion and holders "Hoppers" were the closest pursuers.

Lausanne were enjoying the best support with 10,840 on average per home match, over 3,000 more than at the corresponding stage last year.

Lucerne, (or as they call themselves, Luzern), were next most popular with 10,760, down however by 700 on last term, while promoted FC Zurich report a rise of nearly 4,000 per game, compared with their Second Division figures.

## GREEK FIXTURES

**NOV 4:**
Paok v Ofi Crete
Aris v Athinaikos
Ionikos v Apollon
Xanthi v Levadiakos
Jeannina v Panachaiki
Aek v Panseraikos
Panionios v Olympiakos
Doxa Drama v Larissa
Panathinaikos v Heraklis

**NOV 11:**
Ofi Crete v Athinaikos
Apollon v Paok
Levadiakos v Aris
Panachaiki v Ionikos
Panseraikos v Xanthi
Olympiakos v Jeannina
Larissa v AEK
Heraklis v Panionios
Panathinaikos v Doxa Drama

**NOV 25:**
Apollon v Ofi Crete
Athinaikos v Levadiakos
Paok v Panachaiki
Aris v Panseraikos
Ionikos v Olympiakos
Xanthi v Larissa
Jeannina v Heraklis
AEK v Panathinaikos
Panionios v Doxa Drama

**DEC 2:**
Ofi Crete v Levadiakos
Panachaiki v Apollon
Panseraikos v Athinaikos
Olympiakos v Paok
Larissa v Aris
Heraklis v Ionikos
Panathinaikos v Xanthi
Doxa Drama v Jeannina
Panionios v AEK

**DEC 9**
Panachaiki v Ofi Crete
Levadiakos v Panseraikos
Apollon v Olympiakos
Athinaikos v Larissa
Paok v Heraklis
Aris v Panathinaikos
Ionikos v Doxa Drama
Xanthi v Panionios
AEK v Jeannina

**DEC 16:**
Ofi Crete v Panseraikos
Olympiakos v Panachaiki
Larissa v Levadiakos
Heraklis v Apollon
Panathinaikos v Athinaikos
Doxa Drama v Paok
Panionios v Aris
AEK v Ionikos
Jeannina v Xanthi

**DEC 23:**
Olympiakos v Ofi Crete
Panseraikos v Larissa
Panachaiki v Heraklis
Levadiakos v Panathinaikos
Apollon v Doxa Drama
Athinaikos v Panionios
Paok v AEK
Aris v Jeannina
Xanthi v Ionikos

**DEC 20:**
Ofi Crete v Larissa
Heraklis v Olympiakos
Panathinaikos v Panseraikos
Doxa Drama v Panachaiki
Panionios v Levadiakos
AEK v Apollon
Jeannina v Athinaikos
Xanthi v Paok Salonique
Tonikos v Aris Salonique

**JAN 6:**
Heraklis v Ofi Crete
Larissa v Panathinaikos
Olympiakos v Doxa Drama
Panseraikos v Panionios
Panachaiki v AEK
Levadiakos v Jeannina
Apollon v Xanthi
Athinaikos v Ionikos
Aris v Paok

**JAN 13:**
Ofi Crete v Panathinaikos
Doxa Drama v Heraklis
Panionios v Larissa
AEK v Olympiakos
Jeannina v Panseraikos
Xanthi v Panachaiki
Ionikos v Levadiakos
Aris v Apollon
Paok v Athinaikos

**JAN 27:**
Doxa Drama v Ofi Crete
Panathinaikos v Panionios
Heraklis v AEK
Larissa v Jeannina
Olympiakos v Xanthi
Panseraikos v Ionikos
Panachaiki v Aris
Levadiakos v Paok
Athinaikos v Apollon

**FEB 3:**
Ofi Crete v Panionios
AEK v Doxa Drama
Jeannina v Panathinaikos
Xanthi v Heraklis
Ionikos v Larissa
Aris v Olympiakos
Paok v Panseraikos
Athinaikos v Panachaiki
Apollon v Levadiakos

**FEB 10:**
AEK v Ofi Crete
Panionios v Jeannina
Doxa Drama v Xanthi
Panathinaikos v Ionikos
Heraklis v Aris
Larissa v Paok
Olympiakos v Athinaikos
Panseraikos v Apollon
Panachaiki v Levadiakos

**FEB 17:**
Ofi Crete v Jeannina
Xanthi v AEK
Ionikos v Panionios
Aris v Doxa Drama
Paok v Panathinaikos
Athinaikos v Heraklis
Apollon v Larissa
Levadiakos v Olympiakos
Panachaiki v Panseraikos

**FEB 24:**
Xanthi v Ofi Crete
Jeannina v Ionikos
AEK v Aris
Panionios v Paok
Doxa Drama v Athinaikos
Panathinaikos v Apollon
Heraklis v Levadiakos
Larissa v Panachaiki
Olympiakos v Panseraikos

**MAR 3:**
Ofi Crete v Ionikos
Aris v Xanthi
Paok v Jeannina
Athinaikos v AEK
Apollon v Panionios
Levadiakos v Doxa Drama
Panachaiki v Panathinaikos
Panseraikos v Heraklis
Olympiakos v Larissa

**MAR 10:**
Aris v Ofi Crete
Tonikos v Paok
Xanthi v Athinaikos
Jeannina v Apollon
AEK v Levadjakos
Panionios v Panachaiki
Doxa Drama v Panseraikos
Panathinaikos v Olympiakos
Heraklis v Larissa

**MAR 17:**
Ofi Crete v Paok
Athinaikos v Aris
Apollon v Ionikos
Levaiakos v Xanthi
Panachaiki v Jeannina
Panseraikos v AEK
Olympiakos v Panionios
Larissa v Doxa Drama
Heraklis v Panathinaikos

**MAR 24:**
Athinaikos v Ofi Crete
Paok v Apollon
Aris v Levadiakos
Ionikos v Panachaiki
Xanthi v Panseraikos
Jeannina v Olympiakos
AEK v Larissa
Panionios v Heraklis
Doxa Drama v Panathinaikos

**MAR 31:**
Ofi Crete v Apollon
Levadiakos v Athinaikos
Panachaiki v Paok
Panseraikos v Aris
Olympiakos v Ionikos
Larissa v Xanthi
Heraklis v Jeannina
Panathinaikos v AEK
Doxa Drama v Panionios

**APR 10:**
Levadiakos v Ofi Crete
Apollon v Panachaiki
Athinaikos v Panseraikos
Paok v Olympiakos
Aris v Larissa
Ionikos v Heraklis
Xanthi v Panathinaikos
Jeannina v Doxa Drama
AEK v Panionios

**APR 14:**
Ofi Crete v Panachaiki
Panseraikos v Levadiakos
Olympiakos v Apollon
Larissa v Athinaikos
Heraklis v Paok
Panathinaikos v Aris
Doxa Drama v Ionikos
Panionios v Xanthi
Jeannina v AEK

**APR 21:**
Panseraikos v Ofi Crete
Panachaiki v Olympiakos
Levadiakos v Larissa
Apollon v Heraklis
Athinaikos v Panathinaikos
Paok v Doxa Drama
Aris v Panionios
Ionikos v AEK
Xanthi v Jeannina

## YUGOSLAVIA BY TIM COLLINS

# Ethnic riots threaten the game

RISING violence threatens the future of Yugoslav club and international soccer after the clash between Hajduk Split and Partizan Belgrade had been abandoned.

This fixture is often seen as a manifestation of the ethnic tension dividing the clubs and the two regions of Croatia and Serbia. The invasion by an estimated 1,600 fans, came when Partizan had gone 2-0 up.

The home fans, from the Adriatic port of Split in Croatia, could not bear to see the visitors, from Belgrade, capital of Serbia take control.

It was too much like the political scenario – Belgrade is the despised ruling capital and the Croatians want to break away from its grip. Angry supporters ran amok, burnt Yugoslav national flags and flaunted symbols of Croatian independence. The local Croatian police did nothing to stop them.

Luckily there were no serious injuries, but the incident was disturbing enough to force the Yugoslav federation into action.

Hajduk were ordered to close their stadium until further notice and to play their home matches at least 150 kilometres from Split. The federation also were considering further penalties for the future at a club where hooliganism has been a serious problem in the past.

### Treated

Hajduk were banned from playing European matches at home for three years after their fans had thrown teargas canisters on to the pitch during a Cup-winners Cup tie with Marseille in 1987. They have not qualified for Europe since.

The Hajduk-Partizan outburst was not the first this season. Only three days earlier, in Belgrade, a dozen fans were treated for injury after violent clashes before the match. between Partizan and Sarajevo, of Bosnia. Again the clashes were thought to have ethnic origins.

And there were violent scenes involving Dinamo Zagreb fans and Italian supporters when the Croatian club played Atalanta in Bergamo in the UEFA Cup first round.

The match ended 0-0 but more than 30 people were injured, some seriously. One Dinamo fan lost the sight in one eye.

Last season more than 150 fans and police were injured after a brawl on the pitch between fans of Dinamo Zagreb and Red Star Belgrade.

The situation has reached such a level that UEFA must now be considering drastic action, possibly a total ban on all Yugoslavian clubs in Europe, if the violence continues.

And there is a serious threat to the future of the Yugoslav national team. The Federation could break up and be unable to select a team to represent the country.

This prospect was given sharper focus when Croatia organised an international against the United States – a clear hint of things to come.



## HOLLAND BY SIMON KUPER

# ROBSON ATTACKED AS PSV CRASH

THE most surprising casualties of the first round of European competition were PSV Eindhoven.

Winners of the European Cup only two years ago, PSV fell in this year's Cup Winners' Cup to the French mid-table side Montpellier.

Before the season PSV had named their goals as the domestic double and reaching "at least" the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup. Elimination has put Bobby Robson's position at risk already.

"The question of whether Robson will make it to Christmas is suddenly relevant again", wrote De Volkskrant newspaper.

When the news was leaked, before the World Cup, that Robson was joining PSV, the Dutch press and public reacted with disbelief. As Holland's former manager Thijs Libregts warned his friend, "Your move here was greeted with derision. Before you had taken one step here you were destroyed."

England's old-fashioned football, and the impression of tactical naivete which Robson gave in interviews, had failed to impress the critical Dutch. Despite PSV's position at the top of the league, Robson's reputation has fallen since he started work.

Just as in England, Robson is having great problems dealing with the press. The abuse he received in the English tabloids has made Robson very defensive when talking to journalists.

More seriously, whereas the English dailies produce mostly hype, Dutch newspapers attempt tactical analyses of matches. They expect managers to talk in a sophisticated way about their strategy, something which Robson was spared in England. So far he has failed to adapt.

In post-match press conferences, he does little more than repeat several times that the match had been "superb", even when this is manifestly false.

For the first time Robson is working in a footballing climate where he can speak the truth after a match. "He is asking for the press not to take him seriously," wrote Voetbal International magazine. Robson's inability to speak Dutch gains him no respect either.

### Insulting

His only alternative to superficiality is aggression. When one journalist asked him whether he would fit into PSV, Robson jumped up from his chair and hissed; "Listen fellow, British coaches are the best in the world."

To other questions on footballing matters, he responds with "None of your business. End of story."

Ignoring the press is one thing. Insulting the intelligence of his fellow managers is another. At the start of the season the Dutch premier division managers held a meeting, the highlight of which was to have been a talk by Robson.

He was expected to explain in depth England's tactics in Italy. Instead, he used his lecture to build a statue of himself.

Robson claimed all credit for England's success, praised himself for using the sweeper system (hardly a modern discovery) and spoke glowingly of England's fair play. The managers, who were speaking English especially to accommodate Robson, were most disappointed. Robson left straight after his speech; in fact, during Thijs Libregts' reply to him.

One explanation of PSV's curious decision to hire Robson is his refusal to communicate with the press or to listen to his players' views. Last year, PSV were torn apart when key players started publicly questioning manager Guus Hiddink's decisions. The row came to a head when Hiddink told all to the press and was sacked.

Robson was a guarantee of discretion for the new season, and PSV certainly got what they wanted. Yet they may be regretting their decision. A club who receive millions to advertise the name of Philips cannot afford the negative publicity that Robson creates.

Also, the players have started to complain: Johnny Bosman was angry at being substituted for another striker, Twan Scheepers, in the closing minutes of the home leg against Montpellier, when it seemed more logical to take off a defender as PSV chased an elusive goal.

*Robson ... his reputation has fallen since his move to Holland.*

Bosman is unlikely to have been satisfied by Robson's reply that "players only understand substitutions when they become managers." Dutch footballers, like Dutch journalists, demand real explanations.

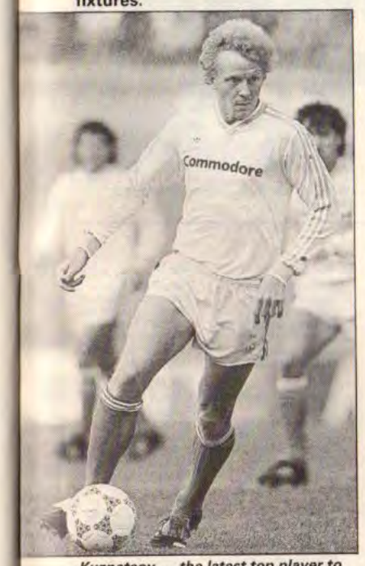
It is impossible to overstate the important of European football to PSV. Their elimination has left a gap of £600,000 in the club's budget, and has cost far more in terms of international prestige. "We can forget surviving the first round" Montepllier's Dutchman Wilbert Suvrijn had said beforehand.

As Robson told the press before the season: "I know one thing for sure. If we fail it won't be Bobby Robson's fault." Thank you. Mr.Robson.

## SOVIET UNION BY BOB VAUGHAN

# Kiev 'do a Liverpool'

THE situation in the "Elite League" has been somewhat difficult to follow so far, because of confusion over dates and fixtures.




*Kuznetsov ... the latest top player to leave the Soviet Union.*

Three clubs withdrew, there was a break for the World Cup, and then a gap while the "Sbornaja" played their first Euro'92 match – a 2-0 win over Norway.

Results favoured Dynamo Kiev, and coach Anatoli Puzach could be in line for a title first time round.

Dynamo have "done a Liverpool" in promoting Puzach, a 49-year-old coach with a good reputation who kept the house in order when Lobanovski was away fighting the Federation in Moscow or on international duty.

Puzach has not changed the team's style, and they seem to be running in to form at the right time. His has not been an easy task with the loss of so many star players, the latest being the departure to Glasgow Rangers of Oleg Kuznetsov.

### Spare

Earlier in the season he had played when ineligible, which meant punishment for Kiev – elimination from the Cup. A high league placing is therefore vital, although winning the weakest European competition, the Cupwinners' Cup is an alternative. Opponents as easy as Kuopion of Finland may not be forthcoming.

All the others progressed in Europe except Dnepr, who could only draw at home to Hearts and lost 3-1 in Edinburgh.

Spartak were never in danger at the Letna or in Moscow and accounted 4-0 for Sparta Prague. Torpedo also had goals to spare, but Cernomorets were run close by BK Rosenborg and only got through by the odd goal in seven.

## AUSTRIA BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# Riedl picks up the pieces

AUSTRIAN football is only slowly recovering from the humilation of the national side's sensational 1-0 defeat by the rank outsiders and amateurs of the Faroe Islands in the European Championship qualifying group.

Their media claimed that Austria was "the laughing stock of Europe and that it was "the worst display in their international history". National team manager Josef Hickersberger resigned as expected, saying: "Any manager whose team loses to the Faroes is a failure."

His successor is Alfred Riedl (40), the OFB (FA) having rejected demands for the nomination of the former goal-scoring hero Hans Krankl, now manager of Rapid Vienna.

Riedl, who formerly coached Wiener Sport-Klub and before that in Saudi Arabia, led since July the Austrian 'Under-21 team' and the Olympic XI; he was Hickersberger's assistant.

He began his playing career in 1961 with the amateur club Teesdorf and later played for FK Austria, Royal Antwerp, Standard Liege and Metz, gaining four caps. Now he is Austria's youngest ever national team chief.

In the league championship the headline makers were briefly Austria Salzburg who for the first time in 19 years took over the leadership in the First Division.

Under their German, Berlin-born team boss Kurt Wiesbach and thanks to goals from his compatriot Oliver Bierhoff (22), the "Austrianer" were mounting a powerful challenge to the big Viennese clubs and Tirol from Innsbruck.

### Setback

Their leap to the front was aided by leaders Tirol's surprising 3-2 defeat against newly promoted Kremser SC. The newcomers are benefitting from the wiles of the Argentinian 'oldie', Mario Kempes, who now orchestrates the midfield.

But just two weeks later Salzburg suffered their first home setback in 13 games. Before a record full house of 18,000 in the Lehen-stadium, the "upstarts" were beaten by Tirol 1-0. The Innsbrucker top star, the Argentinian Nestor Gorosito, hit the decisive goal.

Tirol's assistant manager, the former West German international striker Horst Hrubesch, commented: "We won deservedly, because we had more substance. Our attitude, technique and pace laid the foundations of victory."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY BOB VAUGHAN

# BATA PLANS TO STOP EXODUS

ECONOMIC problems are making life difficult for most people in Czechoslovakia – and footballers are no exception.

A commission has been set up by the FA, headed by secretary Rudolf Bata, to consider ways of stopping the constant exodus of leading players to foreign countries.

That is the only way they can cash in on their ability, and the situation is likely to continue unless the commission can find some other solutions.

Sponsorship is one possibility, but what little there is in the country at present concerns foreign companies.

For example, Minolta of Austria now sponsor Nitra, who have been doing well so far this season and might even pull off the championship if they maintain their early form.

There are other sponsorships in operation and more are planned, but the general economic climate is not good and some long-running associations with state enterprises have been abruptly terminated.

Curiously some clubs report increased attendances. Slovan, for instance, now have gates around 10,000 – a very good figure considering that they returned to the top flight only 18 months ago.

Dusan Gallis has put together a useful squad, but they may not last the course against strong opposition from SKP Union Cheb, Nitra and Banska Bystrica.

Banik Ostrava have been inconsistent and may need time to recover from the UEFA Cup defeats by Aston Villa.

Sparta were disappointing in both games against Moscow Spartak in the Champions' Cup and although two other clubs made progress there seems little chance of either going much further.

Dukla Prague easily accounted for Sliema of Malta in the Cup-winners' Cup, and Inter Bratislava won 5-0 at home after losing 2-1 to Avenir in Luxembourg in the UEFA Cup.

## Capital

New national coach Milan Macala got off to a winning start, though with little to spare, in the European Championship qualifier.

Iceland made the long trip to Kosice, and lost only by a single goal. This was only the third international to be staged in Kosice, capital of Eastern Czechoslovakia and almost in the USSR.

Some of the Czech team, who play for teams abroad, had even longer journeys than the Iceland squad.

BULGARIA BY BOB VAUGHAN

# President under fire

*Vutsov ... could not motivate his men.*

LAST SPRING Mr Tepavichov was voted President of the Bulgarian Football Union and considered the right man for the job in most quarters. Now the whole country's football world awaits his departure.

He seemed the man to lead Bulgarian soccer out of its latest crisis. Now he is the recipient of an open letter from newspapers, signed by over 100 players and broadcast on television, demanding resignation.

He is accused of incompetence, inability to resolve Bulgarian football's problems, manipulation of his election and bringing in staff without any idea or knowledge of how to run the sport.

He also is held responsible by the open letter's authors for the chaos in Division Two and Three following various contradictory decrees.

There is also a barely hidden threat of less pleasant ways which might be adopted to remove President Tepavichov if he does not go of his own free will, and soon.

For the moment he has not reacted publicly, and a curious twist was the BFU technical staff coming out, or rather staying put, in solidarity with him.

National team manager Vutsov has had his problems, too, declaring: "I know the Swiss side better than ours." Whatever he gleaned before the kick-off in Geneva was insufficient to motivate his five "foreigners" or put the improving hosts under any pressure.

Switzerland were comfortable winners, with goals by Rottiger and Bickel. Only centre-back Illiev came out of the game with any credit. Stoichov and Kostadinov seemed to be out for a stroll.

At least the Olympic team did their stuff, winning 2-0 against the Swiss, but the poor performances of the "A" squad means bottom place in Euro '92 Group 2 and contributes to apathy at home.

CSKA, the only survivors in the first round of the European Cups, stand on 10th position in a championship headed by Etar of Tyrnovo.

ROMANIA BY BOB VAUGHAN

# Pitesti punch-up

ROMANIAN soccer's ruling body, the FRF, promised that the game would be run "on normal lines" once the political upheaval of December 1989 had died down. But what's normal?

SC Bacau, you may recall, were suspended from competition for a year because of crowd misbehaviour. But far worse incidents in Pitesti earlier this season have been dealt with much more leniently.

Arges beat Rapid 2-1 in a match that led to 118 arrests, several prison sentences, many injuries and a much-damaged stadium. The result? The clubs were suspended for two games – no points, no gate receipts – and the referee and the two players he sent off were banned for two matches as well.

The FRF seem to be lacking consistency in their handling of this type of incident.

Timosoara achieved a fine result in the UEFA Cup. They deserved a bigger margin than 2-0 in the home leg against Atletico Madrid, president Gil and all, and did well to restrict the Spaniards to a one-goal margin in the return.

Dinamo and Steaua had little trouble with their Irish opponents. Champions Dinamo beat St. Patrick's 5-1 and Cup-winners Steaua went through 6-1 against Glentoran.

The national team beat Poland 2-1, but their defeat by the Scots at Hampden is looking more and more crucial as Group Two of the European Championship qualifying tournament takes shape.

# Romanians suffer star drain

ROMANIAN league football has been shorn of most of its top names in the ten months since the Ceausescu regime was toppled. The reasons are almost as much social and political as they are financial.

A floodtide of talent had been building up behind the dam creating a near-inflexible policy on transfers to the West. Only the most loyal of national team veterans – such as Ilie Balaci and Rodion Camataru – were granted the favour of a transfer permit.

They have been followed, since the World Cup finals, by no fewer than ... ..star names. The transfer list looks like this:

| Name | Pos | Age | From | To |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gheorghe Hagi | A | 25 | Steaua | Real Madrid |
| Marius Lacatus | A | 26 | Steaua | Fiorentina |
| Silviu Lung | G | 34 | Steaua | Logrones |
| Iosif Rotariu | M | 28 | Steaua | Galatasaray |
| Gavrila Baliint | A | 27 | Steaua | Burgos |
| Gheorghe Popescu | D | 22 | Craiova | PSV |
| Ioan Ovidiu | M | 22 | Dinamo | Feyenoord |
| Ionut Lupescu | M | 22 | Dinamo | Leverkusen |
| Danut Lupu | M | 23 | Dinamo | Panathinaikos |
| Ion Andone | D | 30 | Dinamo | Elche |
| Florin Raducioiu | A | 20 | Dinamo | Bari |
| Michael Klein | D | 28 | Dinamo | Leverkusen |

One consequence is to weaken the challenge of Romanian clubs in the three European club competitions. Steaua, without the attacking talents of Hagi and Lacatus, just do not inspire the same sort of threat.

BY KEIR RADNEDGE

*Gheorghe Hagi ... moved to Real Madrid.*

## ALBANIAN FIXTURES

**NOV 4:**
Lokomotiva v Flamurtari
Besa v Traktori
Partizani v Labinoti
Skenderbeau v 17 Nentori
Dinamo v Kastrioti (3)
Vllaznia v Luftetari
Tomorri v Apolonia

**NOV 7:**
Flamurtari v Apolonia
Luftetari v Tomorri
Kastrioti v Vllaznia
17 Nentori v Dinamo
Labinoti v Skenderbeu
Traktori v Partizani
Lokomotiva v Besa

**NOV 21:**
Besa v Flamurtari
Partizani v Lokomotiva (2)
Skenderbeu v Traktori
Vllaznia v 17 Nentori
Tomorri v Kastrioti
Apolonia v Luftetari
Dinamo v Labinoti

**NOV 25:**
Flamurtari v Luftetari
Kastrioti v Apolonia
17 Nentori v Tomorri
Labinoti v Vllaznia
Traktori v Dinamo
Lokomotiva v Skenderbeu
Besa v Partizani

**DEC 2:**
Partizani v Flamurtari
Skenderbeu v Besa
Dinamo v Lokomotiva (1)
Vllaznia v Traktori
Tomorri v Labinoti
Apolonia v 17 Nentori
Luftetari v Kastrioti

**DEC 5:**
Flamurtari v Kastrioti
Luftetari v 17 Nentori
Apolonia v Labinoti
Tomorri v Traktori
Vllaznia v Lokomotiva
Dinamo v Besa
Skenderbeu v Partizani

**DEC 9:**
Skenderbeu v Flamurtari
Paretizani v Dinamo
Besa v Vllaznia
Lokomotive v Tomorri
Traktori v Apolonia
Labinoti v Luftetari
17 Nentori v Kastrioti (8)

**DEC 23:**
Flamurtari v 17 Nentori
Kastrioti v Labinoti
Luftetari v Traktori
Apolonia v Lokomotiva
Tomorri v Besa
Vllaznia v Partizani
Dinamo v Skenderbeu

**DEC 28:**
Dinamo v Flamurtari
Skenderbeu v Vllaznia
Partizani v Tomorri (27)
Besa v Apolonia
Lokomotiva v Luftetari
Traktori v Kastrioti
Labinoti v 17 Nentori

**JAN 6:**
Flamurtari v Labinoti
17 Nentori v Traktori
Kastrioti v Lokomotiva
Luftetari v Besa
Apolonia v Partizani
Tomorri v Skenderbeu
Vllaznia v Dinamo

**JAN 13:**
Vllaznia v Flamurtari (15)
Dinamo v Tomorri (15)
Skenderbeu v Apolonia
Partizani v Luftetari
Besa v Kastrioti
Lokomotiva v 17 Nentori
Traktori v Labinoti

**JAN 20:**
Flamurtari v Traktori
Labinoti v Lokomotiva
17 Nentori v Besa
Kastrioti v Partizani
Luftetari v Skenderbeu
Apolonia v Dinamo
Tomorri v Vllaznia

**JAN 27:**
Tomorri v Flamurtari
Vllaznia v Apolonia
Dinamo v Luftetari (26)
Skenderbeu v Kastrioti
Partizani v 17 Nentori
Besa v Lavinoti
Lokomotiva v Traktori

**FEB 3:**
Flamurtari v Lokomotiva
Traktori v Besa
Labonoti v Partizani
17 Nentori v Skenderbeu
Kastrioti v Dinamo
Luftetari v Vllaznia
Apolonia v Tomorri

**FEB 10:**
Apolonia v Flamurtari
Tomorri v Luftetari
Vllaznia v Kastrioti
Dinamo v 17 Nentori
Skenderbeu v Labinoti
Partizani v Traktori (9)
Besa v Lokomotiva

**FEB 17:**
Flamurtari v Besa
Lokomotiva v Partizani
Traktori v Skenderbeu
Labinoti v Dinamo
17 Nentori v Vllaznia
Kastrioti v Tomorri
Lufterari v Apolonia

**FEB 24:**
Luftetari v Flamurtari
Apolonia v Kastrioti
Tomorri v 17 Nentori
Vllaznia v Labinoti
Dinamo v Traktori (23)
Skenderbeu v Lokomotiva
Partizani v Besa

**MAR 3:**
Flamurtari v Partizani
Besa v Skenderbeu
Lokomotiva v Dinamo
Traktori v Vllaznia
Labinoti v Tomorri
17 Nentori v Apolonia
Kastrioti v Luftetari





SWEDEN BY PENTTI HIETANEN

# ROGERS SWITCH SEEMS TO WORK

*Kennet Anderson*

IFK Gothenburg are back in the forefront of Swedish soccer.

They have dominated the league after a shaky start to the season, and now look good for a victory in the play-off series.

IFK did themselves a favour by beating Malmo 2-0, knocking their opponents from the play-offs. According to many experts, MFF would have posed the most serious threat to IFK's title chances, in spite of all their recent problems.

Gothenburg have now disbanded the old 4-4-2, with its zonal marking in defence and aggressive midfield. The system served them well, ever since the glory days of Svennis Eriksson in the late 1970s, but new coach Roger Gustafsson favours a more modern 3-5-2, with a sweeper behind two man-marking defenders.

"The old system had become too predictable," he argues. "Our opponents used to bombard our back four relentlessly with long balls, and eventually we began to look vulnerable."

IFK have converted young Mikael Nilsson into a very promising sweeper, while Ola Svensson and Norwegian international Tore Pedersen do the marking.

Stefan Rehn has blossomed in midfield after the sale of Klas Ingesson to Belgium's Mechelen. Up front, Kaj Eskelinen and Kennet Andersson have been busy scoring.

Andersson, 22, headed Sweden's second goal in the 2-0 friendly win over Bulgaria. The opener was scored by Malmo's Dan Corneliusson, his 12th in 21 internationals but his first since 1985. He was in the team only because Tomas Brolin (Parma) and Stefan Pettersson (Ajax) were unable to play.

Is there a new career for Mats Gren, now playing at stopper for Switzerland's Grasshoppers?

Gren, now 27, has been in and out of the national team for years, seemingly unable to fulfil his early promise as a forward with IFK.

In Switzerland he has been used in various roles with mixed success, but now he looks a natural for the stopper's post -uncompromising, strong, intelligent and dynamic. Gren's revival could be great news for Sweden's new national manager, Tommy Svensson, as the celebrated Glenn Hysen-Peter Larsson pair slowly fade.

TURKEY BY HASAM CEMALI

# The Hiddink saga continued

THAT controversial coach, Guus Hiddink, pulled off yet another surprise in the UEFA Cup, when his Fenerbahce outfit overcame Vitoria Guimaraes of Portugal.

Fenerbahce's domestic results had been poor and there were rumours that Hiddink was on his way out.

Even though club president Metim Asik proclaimed: "Hiddink will not be sacked even if we lose all our remaining games" the criticism continued.

So did the speculation. There was even a story that the much-travelled Guus would leave Turkey for Spain ... .to take over John Toshack's Real Madrid post.

Hiddink denied it, saying he had gone to Spain to see friends in Barcelona and to watch Guimaraes in action.

He learned enough to give his team the edge in the two-leg tie, following a 3-0 home win with a 3-2 success in Portugal.

So Hiddink stays, for now. But not even the UEFA success could totally hide the memory of a 6-1 home defeat by newcomers Aydinspor, a 0-0 draw with Zeytinburnu, and a 2-1 reverse against Sarlyer.

And still the stories persist ... of Hiddink dining with a Dutchman, who works for Real Madrid ... of Fenerbahce being willing to accept a big offer of compensation ... of some players deliberately not giving their best in an effort to force a change at the top.

Fenerbahce are Turkey's only surviving representatives in the European competitions.

Besiktas lost narrowly to Malmo in the Champions' Cup, 3-2 in Sweden and then disappointingly wasting home advantage and being held 2-2 in the second leg.

Trabzonspor caused a huge surprise in the Cup-winners' Cup when they beat Barcelona 1-0. They looked for a moment or two as if they could bring off an even greater shock when they took the lead in the second leg, but then Barcelona cut loose. Result: 7-2 on the night, 7-3 on aggregate.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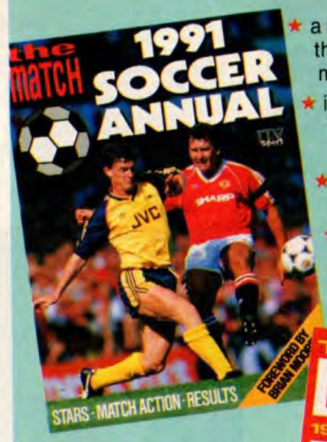


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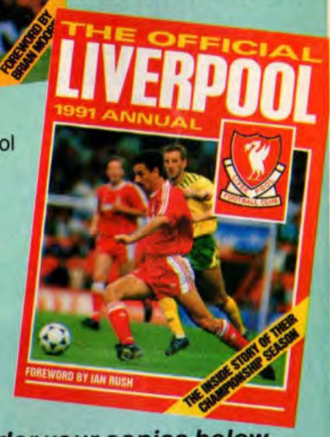


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SPAIN BY GRAHAM TURNER

# Gil's still at it

**DAMN Jesus Gil! Having dedicated space last month to the problems at Atletico Madrid, the idea was to glance elsewhere in the Spanish first division.**

But in recent weeks the firebrand president has generated enough news to fill Keir Radnedge's World Diary single-handed and left us with no option but to go over, albeit with broad brush-strokes, the highlights and lowlights of his one-man crusade against just about anything that moves in Spanish football.

Apart from sacking Joaquin Peiro and appointing Tomislav Ivic five days before the start of the season, Gil has performed the following feats.

He personally signed midfielder Vizcaino from Zaragoza and defender Pedro from Logrones without consulting the coach. He threatened legal action against the Zaragoza president Jose Angel Zalba when Vizcaino was found to have a heart condition.

Both players were signed too late to be registered with UEFA and therefore took no part in Atletico's humiliating first-round exit from the UEFA Cup after losing 2-1 on aggregate to Politecnica Timisoara of Romania. The early exit has cost Atletico over £1.5m in lost revenue.

Having bizarrely pocketed £50,000 in return for relinquishing an option on Barcelona's Luis Milla during the controversial transfer to Real Madrid, Gil invested the money in 10,000 watches inscribed "a present from Ramon" (the Real president is Ramon Mendoza) and distributed them to fans.

He threatened to withdraw Atletico's handball team from the league after another transfer row. He publicly insulted a female trainee journalist, alleging that she was actually training for the world's oldest profession. And he publicly announced that all journalists were conceived by ladies of the same trade.

Among the plethora of lawsuits against him is one from Bilbao-born referee Urizar Azpitarte, accused by Gil of travelling to Bilbao on the day of Atletico's league fixture in San Mames with instructions from the Referees' Association president for the match official Socorro Gonzalez "to stitch Atletico Up". Urizar vehemently denies the accusation, but nobody denies that Socorro Gonzalez did stitch Atletico up.

Bilbao were leading 2-1 when the visitors were awarded a penalty. Vizcaino ducked low to back-head from the near post to the far post where Austrian striker Rodax was waiting. But up went local defender Urrutia to palm the ball volley ball-fashion from Rodax's forehead.

## Stranded

Socorro, four yards away, waved play on and later explained that he had confused Urrutia (short sleeves and bare arms) with goalkeeper Iru (long sleeves and gloves) who had been left stranded at the near post.

While some cynics wondered how Socorro, a taxi-driver in Tenerife, manages to avoid on-coming buses, Gil went berserk. After a week of Nuremburg-rally-style speeches and near-monopoly on press coverage, Gil summoned the Atletico fans to an Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on the club's withdrawal from the league.

Barely 3,000 of the 30,000 'socios' turned up, including only 350 of the 726 entitled to vote. In the event, no vote was taken and the meeting resolved to bring legal charges against the referee; demand a life ban; request the repetition of the match; and claim legal responsibility against the Football League.

*Milla ... involved in a controversial transfer.*

*Vizcaino ... signed without the coach's knowledge.*

Elsewhere, the main talking points have been the freak run of injuries which have wrecked John Toshack's reconstruction programme at Real Madrid; the national team's European Championship win against Iceland, with Luis Suarez anxious to recover morale badly affected by the World Cup; and Barcelona's best start to a season since 1929.

On a sporting level, Gil also decided to withdraw his long-standing vote of confidence in his 'technical secretary' Ruben Cano (oft accused of backroom treachery), and made more headlines by cancelling the registration of Brazilian striker Baltazar (the adidas European Bronze Boot in 1989 with 2goals) in order to clear a berth for another foreign signing, the former Cologne, Barcelona and Real Madrid midfielder Bernd Schuster, who had been unemployed since leaving Real in the summer.

In his third season, Johan Cruyff finally seems to have found the right sort of blend, thanks largely to a couple of players brought to the Nou Camp after spells on loan elsewhere.

Cruyff is now basically working the system used by Toshack since his arrival in Spain five years ago and by a number of World Cup participants, Brazil among them. Koeman is played as sweeper, but with a free role to attack.

The Dutchman has responded with the sort of world-class form he had failed to produce since arriving from PSV. Two strong markers – Nando and Serna, both signed from Sevilla – provide his cover. And the key newcomers have been the two full-backs Alberto 'Chapo' Ferrer and Jon Andoni Goicoechea brought in from Tenerife and Real Sociedad respectively.

One of the potential weaknesses of the system is that great attacking demands are made on full-backs who may or may not have a genuine attacking vocation. While Ferre is a genuine, pacy left-back, Cruyff has gambled on fielding winger Goicoechea in a new role – and the gamble has paid off handsomely.

'Goico' was one of six Barcelona players called into the Spanish squad for the Iceland game, with midfielder Guillermo Amor, Cruyff's replacement for Milla, the other novelty. With Koeman, Laudrup and Stoichkov also on international duty, and with Ferrer in the Spanish Under-21 side, Cruyff is already beginning to mutter about the demands being made on his players.

But that is maybe a story we can leave for another month – with permission from Jesus Gil.

PORTUGAL BY TIM COLLINGS

*Futre ... Portugal are not the same without him.*

# FUTRE RAISES JORGE'S HOPES

**PAULO FUTRE'S international future was the subject of some firm talking in Madrid before the Portugal-Holland European Championship qualifier. Futre has become the latest player caught in a club v country struggle, and Portuguese Federation president Joao Rodrigues flew to Spain to discuss the matter with the controversial Atletico Madrid president, Jesus Gil.**

**The outcome was that Futre, who had missed Portugal's two previous games through injuries which did not affect his club performances, was released for squad training and for the match.**

**This was good news for Portugal boss Artur Jorge, who admitted that Futre's attacking talents were sorely missed during the 0-0 draw in their opening qualifier, in Finland.**

**Meanwhile Rabah Madjer, the Algerian striker who along with Futre inspired Porto's Champions' Cup success in 1987, showed he has lost none of his goal power.**

**He scored four against Northern Ireland's Portadown as Porto cruised through to the second round.**

## Leaders

**Benfica's hopes of a European run came to an early finish with a 1-0 home defeat against Roma, but they bounced back by beating Estrela da Amadora 4-0 at home to keep in touch with league leaders Sporting Lison.**

**Rui Aguas scored twice in a win that left Benfica three points behind with one match in hand.**

**Madjer's four-goal show had the reverse effect on Porto. They slumped to a surprise 2-1 home defeat by Nacional de Madeira the following weekend, when the visitors were reduced to 10 men for the final 30 minutes after Paulo Sergio was sent off.**

**Porto's defeat left unbeaten Sporting, still inspired by Fernando Gomes, two points clear at the top after seven games.**

**Gomes took his total to eight goals for the season with two penalties in Sporting's 2-0 win over Uniao da Madeira.**

FRANCE BY ANDRE DUCLOS

# HUMPTY DUMPTY

## What next for Tapie?

**THE choruses of, "Gili! Gili!" at Marseille, during their first home league defeat of the season by modest Cannes, seemed appropriate. Everyone knows that Gerard Gili, the youth coach who stepped in to save the team in mid-season a couple of years ago, had been very hard done by. Everyone must have felt, as indeed I do, that the absurd £1.6 million contract given to Franz Beckenbauer was one more of Bernard Tapie's flamboyant gestures.**

**Not that, given his success and image snobbery, Tapie has ever concealed his desire to get a Big Name manager to work with, or instead of, Gili. The idea that creating a splendid young manager in house, so to speak, was a fine achievement in itself seems not to have concerned him.**

**Gili put back together a Humpty Dumpty of a team, demoralised and tactically adrift, contriving to win the double of Cup and League.**

**Last season, Marseille took the Championship again but lost at home, astoundingly, in the Cup semi finals to the doomed Racing Club. That was their last home defeat before Cannes inflicted another, in September.**

**Gili of course had resigned a few days before that, and who could blame him? Marseille's loss is Bordeaux's gain. Tapie, bringing in a German trainer as well as Beckenbauer, had made his position impossibly humiliating.**

**But if Tapie's grand ambition is to win the Champions' Cup – and why else should he have brought in Beckenbauer? – you wonder if this is the right way to go about it. To boot out a popular, successful young manager when the season is already under way, and replace him with a foreigner who inevitably needs time to become familiar with the French set-up?**

**Before the Cannes defeat, Beckenbauer had said that the Marseille team lacked discipline. Perhaps.**

**Last season, Tapie launched violent accusations when Vata's punched goal condemned the side to elimination from the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup, and he remains locked in battle with UEFA with tales of incriminating documents in the Rothschild bank at Geneva, and so forth.**

**He has spent huge sums – that £4.5 million for Chris Waddle looks less absurd than it did, but was surely exaggerated. He has brought such stars as Moser of Brazil, and brought Cantona back from loan to Montpellier.**

**Dynamo Tirana, a team with talent, were annihilated. Yet I still doubt whether Marseille have what it takes to win a European trophy.**

**Although they deserved to reach the final last year, I doubt whether they could have withstood Milan. Besides, a more adventurous policy in Lisbon might have made Vata's goal irrelevant by the time it came.**

**Perhaps Tapie should ponder the story of another flamboyant, dominating – in his case, domineering – figure in French football, Claude Bez, whose Bordeaux era has collapsed around him.**

*Gili ... Marseille's loss is Bordeaux's gain.*

**Typically, he attacked photographers who tried to snap him while the crisis was going on, while his general manager, Didier Cossou, punched the man from L'Equipe.**

**Severe problems with the tax authorities lie ahead of both Bez and his son. Perhaps Bez can comfort himself with the thought that at least Platini's elevation to the French national managership was his doing.**

# Prince Charming

## What next for Petit?

**JUST turned 20, a full French international, an outstanding player in a Monaco team making progress in Europe ... .yet Emmanuel Petit insists: "I have no confidence."**

**There are even moments when the charming M. Petit is sorry to be a footballer, when he would prefer a quieter life, more time with his family.**

**Petit realises that without football he probably would be unemployed but – and here he shows himself a remarkably perceptive young fellow – he's sorry he cannot make the most of his youth.**

**He also has pungent things to say about English football. "My dream used to be to play in England, but now I realise that English players are technically too limited."**

**He is not, he says, a stopper who tackles very often, which seems on the face of it a contradiction in terms, but Petit explains: "A player who tackles is a useless player. He has played his last card, he has no more defensive weapon left. If he fails, he's on the ground, powerless, and a wily player can easily get by him. Except in extreme cases, one can always take the ball from someone and stay upright."**

**Petit thinks himself a good player, not a great one. He can play stopper, sweeper or defensive midfield, as required. But he likes to have the play in front of him, and he does not like man-to-man marking. This too he calls useless.**

**Quite a confident and unusual young man.**

## Played

**Another young centre-half, 23-year-old William Prunier of Auxerre, is back after a long absence.**

**Prunier, who played for France in an ill-fated match against Arsenal at Highbury early in 1989, badly hurt his left knee at the beginning of last season.**

**He has not been as unlucky as that fine Argentine footballer Jorge Burruchaga, scorer of the winner in the World Cup Final of 1986, who is out again after his third operation: the artificial ligament he had been previously given had come to grief.**

**But for a young man like Prunier the last year has been a bitter one.**

**He celebrated his return in typical style, with two goals headed from corners. Let's hope he is back to stay.**

**Michel Platini thinks that there has been large tactical evolution in French football. When he became national team manager he was somewhat ahead, having played in an Italian Championship where every manager took an intense interest in tactics. Now, French managers have followed suit.**

**"Every team is well organised, and after that, it is the individual talent that makes the difference," he says.**

**But Platini readily admits that this is not always good for the game as entertainment, that too many games are so evenly balanced as to become dull, with fewer and fewer goals, fewer chances to see what he calls un match fou, a crazy game.**

**David Ginola continues to do wonderfully well for his new club, Brest, at last confirming the splendid promise he showed in the Toulon Under-21 tournament won by a scratch French team in 1987.**

**Ginola, then a Toulon player, quite outshone Paul Gascoigne, Bismarck of Brazil, and the rest.**

MALTA BY BRIAN DEBONO

# Spartans start at a gallop

**HAMRUN Spartans set the early pace in the Maltese League, taking seven points from their first four games.**

**Internationals Ray Vella, Michael Degiorgo and Joe Brincat have been in good form, and so have Englishmen Brian Mundee and Ian Leigh.**

**Naxxar Lions collected four points from the games, without conceding a goal, but they lost 3-1 to Spartans.**

**Former England striker Paul Mariner is now with the Lions, and Ray Farrugia has returned after a spell in Australia.**

**The two promoted clubs have been struggling. Birkirkara taking three points out of eight and Rabat taking two.**

## Defeats

**Results in the European competitions were very disappointing -six defeats, only one goal scored, and five penalties conceded.**

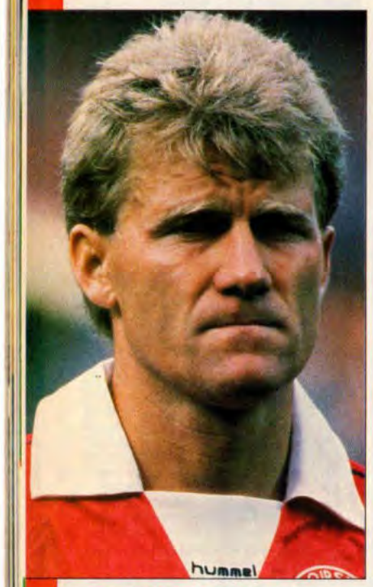
**Champions Valletta lost 4-0 at home to Rangers, who complained about the pitch ... which had been laid by a Scotsman. In Glasgow, Valletta fared even worse, losing 6-0 in a continuous downpour.**

**Cup-winners Sliema lost 2-1 at home to Dukla Prague, with the winner coming in the last minute, then went down 2-0 in the second leg.**

**In the UEFA Cup Hibs lost the first game 3-0 to Partizan Belgrade but did better in the away match. Splendid goalkeeping by John Bonello kept the margin to two.**

# BRONDBY TRIUMPH IS JUST THE JOB FOR OLSEN

**BY JIM HOLDEN**



**MORTEN OLSEN, the man who once said he would never be a manager, has had the perfect start to life in the soccer hot-seat.**

His club Brondby never looked back after losing their first match of the season and clinched the title with a 1-0 victory against the traditional giants of Danish soccer KB.

It capped a brilliant month for the ambitious club from the Copenhagen suburbs, who created the shock of the first round of European club tournaments with a 5-0 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt. The German side were second in the Bundesliga at the time.

Olsen's second defeat as a boss in six months came when Eintracht won the meaningless return leg 4-1.

It has been an incredible beginning for the former Danish international captain and libero who won 100 caps in a distinguished playing career. He said: "It is more than I could have reasonably expected, but everyone at the club has worked tremendously hard. The players have got their reward, and that is right."

Club chairman Per Bjerregaard's ambition was to see his club reach a European club semi-final by 1990. It would surprise no-one now if he is only one year behind schedule, but Olsen is cautious and makes no predictions. Brondby faced Ferencvaros in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

The championship success was their fourth in six seasons, reward not only for Olsen's drive and enthusiasm, but also for the club's long-term policy of trying to keep their Danish internationals, financed by flotation on the country's stock market.

The key player has been striker Bent Christensen, whose goal against KB clinched the title with four rounds still to play. He was top scorer in the league with 16 goals from 22 matches, and his form earned a call-up to the national team.

Brondby finished the season with nine capped players in their squad, the latest being young midfielder Erik Rasmussen, who made his debut in the 4-1 victory against the Faroe Islands. Perhaps a measure of Brondby's capabilities is that while both Austria and Denmark found the fishermen footballers a tough proposition, Olsen's side were comfortable 6-0 winners against them in a friendly fixture.

The acid test for Brondby is whether they can hold on to their internationals now the season is finished. Traditionally, this is the time that foreign clubs come raiding, and players like goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel are still keen to earn the wages on offer overseas.

## Gates down

A sad side-effect of Brondby's domination, though, has been the startling tail-off in attendances in the last few rounds. Where once the season was on course for gate records, it will now do well to match last season.

The final few weeks will be notable for which clubs succeed and fail in finishing high enough to compete in the reduced 10-team superliga next season. Deposed champions OB Odense have improved their chances with a revival in the second half of the season, but Preben Elkjaer's Vejle may be forced to win play-off matches to ensure they are there in 1991.

The Danish national side's start to their European Championship campaign was an ordeal against the Faroe Islands which they survived intact. As Luton's Lars Elstrup said: "It was like England taking on the Scilly Isles at Wembley. It was a match we dared not lose."

Michael Laudrup predicted a 6-0 win at the Idraetsparken, but in the end was relieved that his two goals helped the Danes to a 4-1 victory. Only time will tell if that proves to be a good result against the incredible islanders from the North Atlantic.

*Key player and top scorer Bent Christensen (above) and goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel looking for overseas offers.*

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

FROM ERIC WEIL

*Bad start ... Menotti (centre) saw four of his men sent off in one match.*

# Boca looking so great

**BOCA Juniors, the club continually at the top for gate receipts and popularity in Argentina, made their best start in years by winning their first four games.**

**They have not won a league title since 1981 – the year Diego Maradona played for them – but are optimistic about ending that famine.**

**A good start was more important than ever this season with the championship being played in two parts, 19 games in each, and the winners of the two rounds playing off for the title.**

But Boca Juniors are anxiously looking over their shoulder at Argentina's other most popular club, River Plate, who were three points behind with a match in hand.

They dropped one point in three games ... and that by their reserves. While the club were engaged in the Libertadores Cup they fielded their reserve team in two league games, picking up three points, but now that they have been eliminated from the major competition, they are paying their full attention to retaining the championship.

Last season's runners-up, Independiente, took only two points from four games and have changed coaches, bringing back their former midfielder, Jose Omar Pastoriza.

They won several titles when he was a player, and he coached them in 1977, 1978 and 1983, years in which they won three championships, the Libertadores Cup and the Intercontinental Cup.

Independiente have their finances in order ... something that cannot be said for most other Argentine clubs, especially the big ones.

The 20 national 'A' Division clubs have debts in the region of 30 million dollars between them, which means a lot more here than it would in Britain.

Big clubs owe most, headed by River Plate (9m), Boca Juniors (7m) – they are trying to sell their sports complex built on artificial islands on the River Plate to settle debts – Racing Club (2.5m) and San Lorenzo (1.4m).

Carlos Menem, president of the country and a great River Plate fan, is anxious that something should be done about the problem.

In Uruguay, new Penarol coach Cesar Menotti got off to a bad start.

The club took only one point from his first two matches, in a 1-1 battle with Bella Vista, when FOUR of Menotti's men were sent off. (Six others were dismissed in the other six matches that day).

The championship, resuming after a month's break while various clubs went on tour, was headed by Central Espanol, with 10 points out of 12. Nacional and Liverpool were one behind.

**ECUADOR:** Nacional, the club who only field home-born players and are supported by the armed forces, extended their unbeaten record to 25 games.

They jointly led Group 1 of the second stage of the championship, and Ermen Benitez continued as leading scorer with 23 goals.

Meanwhile, defending champions Barcelona, in the final of the Libertadores Cup for the first time, have been fielding reserves in the league on several occasions while resting their first-teamers for cup games, and are propping up group 2.

**BRAZIL:** The national championship is in progress with clubs from the same area, Atletico Mineiro and Cruzeiro, topping the two 10-team sections.

**PARAGUAY:** The quarter-final round of the First Division finished with the top two teams of each of the four-team groups qualified for the semi-finals, to be played home and away – Cerro Porteno v Sportivo Luqueno, and Olimpia (champions) v Libertad.

Bonus points obtained by finishing in leading places during previous rounds were added to the points totals.

Veteran international midfielder Julio Cesar Romero – called Romerito while playing in Brazil for a number of years – is now with Sportivo Luqueno, and is leading scorer with 16 goals.

**BOLIVIA:** The quarter-finals of the national championship were in progress with eight teams divided in two sections.

Champions Bolivar and Oriente Petrolero had full points from their first two games in one group, while Blooming led the other with three points.

The winners of this tournament qualify for next year's Libertadores Cup together with The Strongest, who won the first stage of the championship.

**COLOMBIA:** Independiente Medellin stretched their unbeaten streak to 12 games – although four of their last five were drawn – and continued to lead the second stage of the Mustang Cup.

But America, two points behind, were comfortable leaders in the overall standings.

The top eight overall – adding points obtained in the two stages – will qualify for the final round.

**PERU:** Sport Boys of Callao won the four-team final round of the decentralised championship to qualify for one place in next year's Libertadores Cup. The second of the season's tournaments is now in progress.

*Good start ... Julio Cesar Romero is among the goals for his new club, Sportivo Ludueno.*

# New row over 'bribed' referees

**THE Libertadores Cup hit trouble again when holders Nacional of Colombia eliminated Brazil's Vasco da Gama in the quarter-finals, beating them 2-0 in the second leg at home in Medellin.**

Vasco officials alerted the South American Soccer Confederation that the referee, Uruguayan Jose Daniel Cardellino, had complained of threats by six armed men who got into his changing room to warn him to 'control fairly' – and offered him 20,000 dollars for the same purpose.

In view of previous problems with referees in Colombia, the Confederation immediately suspended the impending semi-final between Nacional and Olimpia of Paraguay, pending receipt of the referee's report, and there was speculation that Nacional could be expelled from the championship.

The referee would not talk to the press and his report is secret, which makes one rather sceptical as to why and how the first complaint came from the Brazilian club.

Nevertheless, the match had to be replayed because – according to Confederation president Nicolas Leoz, a Paraguayan – Nacional had not taken adequate precautions to safeguard the referee.

*Colombian class ... Ruben Hernandez seen in action.*

*Brazilian beef ... referee Cardellino listens to the complaints during yet another stoppage.*

## Claimed

Colombia's clubs were banned from staging home games so the replay had to take place on a neutral ground – in Santiago, Chile. Nacional again won, this time 1-0.

As expected, Argentine champions River Plate, surprisingly eliminated in the semi-finals by Barcelona of Ecuador, immediately claimed that their coach received a letter before the match saying that the referee had been bribed.

River Plate – who had been favourites for the trophy – also mentioned other irregularities surrounding the match, such as crowd invasion and a controversial penalty, in an obvious attempt to get a replay just as Vasco had done.

River Plate officials added that if 'justice' was not done, they would not participate in this year's Super Cup for past Libertadores Cup winners – which would make them liable to fines – or next year's Libertadores Cup, for which they already have qualified.

This was considered to be an idle threat as that of Nacional, who said they would withdraw from the tournament if they were made to play more home ties on neutral ground.

But Nacional had a better reason. Their president, Sergio Naranjo Perez, said the club lost 200,000 dollars due to extra expenses and low gates every time they had to play a home tie somewhere else.

● STOP PRESS: Olimpia won the Libertadores Cup, beating Barcelona 2-0, 1-1 in the two-leg final.

*No ball ... a scene from the controversial Nacional-Vasco quarter-final match played in Medellin.*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BARCELONA ECUADOR

# Barcelona climb a mountain

BY LESLIE DICKENS

**IF you investigate the history of Ecuadorian football, you will find that their moments of triumph have the word "nearly" included with every milestone.**

**Nearly qualified for the World Cup, but lost in a play-off. Nearly reached the Libertadores Cup final on two occasions. Nearly made it through to the second round of the South American championship.**

**Now for the first time an Ecuador team reached the final of the Libertadores Cup, and the locals have been pinching themselves, thinking this is all just a dream.**

## Incidents

**Barcelona, the most popular club in Ecuador, did the impossible by beating giants River Plate of Argentina in the second leg of the semi-final of South America's top club competition.**

**After a nerve-wracking game, full of incidents on and off the pitch, Barcelona booked their ticket to the final. They won 1-0 after 90 minutes, making the tie 1-1 on aggregate, and then, in the love-them-or-hate-them penalty shootout, Barcelona won 4-3.**

**Italia'90 World Cup finalist Serrizuela failed to score with the first kick, and from then on it was all uphill for River Plate. Barcelona scored with four in a row, so that Da Silva had to convert his to keep River in the game – but he hit the bar.**

**Ecuador's celebrations lasted well into the early hours, with thousands of people rejoicing in the streets.**

**This, without doubt, was the high point in Ecuador's footballing history.**

### THE TEAM

**CARLOS LUIS MORALES:** goalkeeper. Born Guayaquil, 15-6-65. Rated as No.1 goalkeeper in Ecuador. Although he is only 25 he has vast experience and played in the last two South American championships, Argentina 87 and Brazil 89. In this edition of the Libertadores Cup he has saved five penalties, two from Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia), one by Emelec (Ecuador) and two by River Plate, both taken by World Cup defender Zerrizuela. Man of the match against River Plate in the second leg of the semi-finals.

**JIMMY IZQUIERDO:** defender. Born Guayaquil, 28-5-63. Another player who has experience both at club and country level. An attack minded defender with the hardest shot in the country. He scored four goals in this Libertadores Cup.

**JIMMY MONTANERO:** defender. Born Guayaquil, 24-8-1960. The hatchet man, often using rough tactics. A solid defender who has improved immensely during the past 12 months. Played for Ecuador in the South American championship in Brazil. Ecuador beat Uruguay 1-0, drew with Argentina 0-0, drew with Bolivia 0-0 and lost against Chile 1-2.

**FREDDIE BRAVO:** all-round player. Born Ayacucho 12-4-1962. First season with Barcelona. Does not always make the first team, but played very well in the semis. Has represented Ecuador both in the South American Championships and World Cup qualifiers.

**CARLOS MUNOZ:** midfield. Born Guayaquil, 13-11-1964. Part of the sweeping changes made this season in Barcelona. Bought from local First Division club Filanbanco, and has played for his country.

**JULIO GUZMAN:** defender. Born Guayaquil, 1-7-1967. Attacking left-back. Has come up through the reserves and is now a regular in the first team.

**JOHNNY PROANAO:** midfield. Born Esmeraldas, 1-8-1966. Attacking midfielder in his second full season in the first team. Has become a favourite of the supporters because of his surging runs upfield.

**MARIO SARALEGUI:** midfield. Born Artigas (Uruguay), 24-4-1959. In his first season with Barcelona. Left Penarol to play in Ecuador as one of the most expensive players ever contracted in Barcelona's history. Strong midfielder but seems to fade. Played for Uruguay in Mexico'86 and South American championships in'79 and'83. Twice Libertadores Cup winner with Penarol and River Plate. Played against Aston Villa in Tokio in 1982. Also played for Estudiantes de La Plata and in Spain with Elche.

**MARCELO TROBBIANI:** midfield. Born Casilda (Argentina), 17-2-1955. First season with Barcelona, signed from Cobreloa (Chile). Late substitute in the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico, against West Germany. During the seventies played for Elche (Spain) and later for Zaragoza. Other clubs; Millonarios (Colombia), Boca Juniors, Estudiantes de La Plata.

**LUIS ALBERTO ACOSTA:** forward. Born Montevideo (Uruguay), 15-9-1959. Uruguayan forward with lots of talent. Missed the first leg due to an injury. Played in the final for Uruguay against Brazil in the South American championships in 1983. Other clubs; Penarol, Wanderers (Uruguay), River Plate, America (Mexico).

**MANUEL UQUILLAS:** forward. Born Guayaquil, 19-11-1963. Very speedy and skilful. Second season in Barcelona's line-up, having come up through the reserves.

**DAVID BRAVO:** midfield. Born Junin, 29-11-1963. Spent most of his career with Filanbanco. One of the best midfield players in the country and eventually could become the main man in Barcelona's style of play. Has represented his country and played in Libertadores Cup with his former club.

**WILSON MACIAS:** defender. Born Esmeraldas, 13-7-1962. Twice played for Ecuador in South American championship. First season with Barcelona after moving from Filanbanco.

THE MANAGER:

**Miguel Brindisi. Born Argentina, 8-9-1950. As a player represented his country on 45 occasions with 17 goals – one of the top scorers in Argentina's footballing history. Played for Huracan (two years alongside Ardiles), Las Palmas (Spain), Boca Juniors, Nacional (Uruguay), Racing Club (Argentina). Qualified as a coach with the AFA, spent two years in Guatemala, winning the championship twice. In his second spell with Barcelona. Last year he won the league, this year he has taken his club to the Libertadores final.**

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## FROM KEITH SMITH

# THE DRUGS BUST

## New-look Colombia must break the old image

**DOMESTIC football in Colombia is under pressure as never before, since the shooting of referee Alvaro Ortega last November. Responsibility for regulating the Colombian championship falls to the Dimayor (the Colombian Football League) comprising Colombia's 15 professional clubs. The president is Jorge Correa, who has worked in various positions within the organisation over the past 27 years, and succeeded Alex Goyareb in March. World Soccer talked with Dr. Correa at his Bogota office.**

**World Soccer: Last year the League was suspended. What changes have been made since?**

The League was not suspended. That's a mistake. It was halted. The situation was very tense as a consequence of various incidents and the 15 clubs voted unanimously at a meeting to stop the championship and re-think things.

The Government took advantage of this to make demands. Information about the make-up of each club had to be submitted. This was done so the composition of clubs is now public knowledge. The Government have a list of names of the people involved in football.

If there is a person there that the Government don't like, they can tell the Dimayor and the Dimayor can remove them.

**World Soccer: What more was done?**

The Dimayor used to designate referees, but this has now been changed with the creation of commission made up of five important people who are independent of football. Now none of the clubs can talk with nor interfere with the referees.

The clubs also submitted information about their accounts. At this moment the Government know how the economic aspects of football are handled and where the income of the clubs derives from. This is another thing the Government obtained.

**World Soccer: Do you think that the Government will do something if there are further difficulties?**

I think so. At the moment there is a new Government [the new President, Cesar Gaviria, was inaugurated in August] and we have already established contacts and conversations with them. At the moment, the Government are making a new project of a law for sport that will normalise and protect all of sport, including football.

There is a need for the creation of stimulants, like tax incentives, for sporting events. At the moment football is paying tax at the rate of 45 per cent, which is very high. Football cannot survive this.

The Government are taking a very big interest in football and have a lot of knowledge because of all the information we have submitted. The clubs are not in good condition and without help they will disappear.

**World Soccer: Do you think that the Government singled out football in particular?**

The Government had to be concerned with all the big social problems. These problems made everyone nervous. The only thing that people had to look forward to was football, so if football had problems then the Government had problems.

They intervened to clean up football and protect football from the violence.

A referee was killed, but it had nothing to do with football. It was connected with people placing bets on games and losing money.

I believe that football should have continued last year instead of being stopped.

**World Soccer: There has been a lot of news recently about threats to referees, especially after the Nacional-Vasco Da Gama game. What more can the Dimayor do?**

They must ask the Government for protection for the people. Security depends on the Government, not ourselves. I'm scheduling a meeting with the ministries of Education (the department to which football is responsible), Communications and even Defence so that the Government will take charge of the protection of referees to ensure impartiality.

**World Soccer: Some clubs have complained that referees have been less than impartial in recent games, especially when America Cali played in Medellin, and there exists the feeling that referees are being pressured.**

That is what the coach of America, Ochoa Uribe, has said. But Medellin said that nobody has done anything to pressure anybody.

In every country there exists the phenomenon of pressure from fans, but in Colombia it is something new because of the increased standard of our football. England has had problems with hooligans. Italy has had problems.

We need to avoid warming this atmosphere up further, and instead cool the situation down. I will be meeting all the institutions involved, including the media, which has a big influence. The radio stations alone produce 180 hours of football coverage every day.

**World Soccer: There also have been problems with money. Some players have been talking about going on strike, while one team recently had a crowd of around 200.**

In business in general, if a company can make good profits then it can pay salaries on time and give good wages to employees. Those businesses that are not protifable cannot do this.

Tolima (one of Colombia's smaller professional sides) had problems when their players refused to play for them and were about to go on strike. The club asked for patience and after a while the team began to win, so that people began to fill their stadium and now the players have been paid up to date.

**World Soccer: What about plans for a second professional division?**

At the moment there is no promotion and relegation, as in other countries. The only thing to play for is the final stage of the championship, where the top eight take part. The other seven sides are simply eliminated. Other less important sides do not belong to the higher division.

We're trying to create some interest, so as of October 31 we are accepting applications from interested teams. As of 1991 there will be a professional Division B, with 12 sides.

**World Soccer: What do you think will be the future of Colombian football? It has a bad reputation internationally.**

The bad reputation isn't just in football but over many things. For example, if I wish to speak to someone in the United States about flowers, they say "Ah, Colombia – drugs". The bad reputation will end at the same time that the social problems are resolved. It's not a problem specific to football, but a general problem and every Colombian has to pay the penalty.

# BILLION DOLLAR TRANSFER SPREE

## FROM CARLOS RAMIREZ

**AFTER the 15-year austerity period in the Mexican economy, most employers learned the lesson taught by our old friend, the milkmaid, who counted her chickens before they were hatched.**

**Most Mexican businesses have structured themselves in such a way that the new winds of economic recovery have produced a healthy economy, and they will never again fall prey to temporary solutions.**

**But that's not the case with our soccer tycoons. I mentioned in an earlier article that the 1989-90 season was one of the most profitable in Mexican soccer. As a consequence, chequebooks came out and investments close to over one billion dollars have been made by the 20 First Division clubs.**

**They decided to set up a "draft system" similar to the one in effect in American baseball and football. As a result, more than a third of the 100-odd players put into the market changed teams in a sort of auction.**

**Players such as Manuel Negrete and Guillermo Vazquez from Pumas UNAM, Edgardo Fuentes from Puebla, Jorge Gabrich from Irapuato and Elias Figueroa from Morelia, were sold like merchandise (Mexicans do not have a players' association, and each negotiates his own contracts).**

**Veracruz, in the First Division again and going for the championship, were the busiest buyers. In addition to the top stars Bauza, Rergis, Castanon, Palma and the top scorer of 1989-90, Jorge Comas, Veracruz bought Jorge Gabrich, the second-highest marksman.**

**Champions Puebla kept their top stars, Larios, Edivaldo, Ruiz Esparza, Aravena, Poblete, Hernandez and Chepo De la Torre, and tried to sign Roger Milla of Cameroon. He was offered 500,000 dollars to play only part-time in each match, but declined.**

**A total of 27 Argentinians, 16 Uruguayans and 14 Brazilians signed with Mexican teams, and in all 74 foreign players are with 19 clubs. Guadalajara, by tradition never field a foreigner.**

**There are eight new coaches and only six of the 20 are Mexican-born. The 20 are:**

**AMERICA – Dragoslav Sekularac COBRAS C.JUAREZ – Victor Hugo Eugui* GUADALAJARA – Miguel Angel Lopez* LEON – Victor Manuel Vucetich* MORELIA – Antonio Carbajal* PUEBLA – Manuel Lapuente* SANTOS LAGUNA – Jose Luis Herrera "Chelato" TECOS UAG – Francisco Ferreira "Formiga" UN.AUT.TAMAULIPAS – Robert Fleitas IGRES UNL – Carlos Reynoso* ATLAS – Luis Garisto* CRUZ AZUL – Ignacio Prieto IRAPUATO – Horacio Troche* MONTERREY – Pedro Garcia* NECAXA – Eduardo Lujan Manera QUERETARO – Ricardo Lavolpe TOLUCA – Raul Cardenas* PUMAS UNAM – Miguel Mejia Baron* U. de G. – Albert Guerra* VERACRUZ – Eduardo Antunes "Edu".**

***Denotes no change from last season.**




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# WHY FALCAO

## Home-grown rule leaves Brazil's new boss on a hiding to nothing

### From Brian Homewood in Rio de Janeiro

**YOU can't help feeling that Paulo Roberto Falcao had a sudden rush of blood to the head when he accepted the CBF's invitation to manage Brazil.**

There he was, quietly running his fashion business and earning himself, through his television appearances, a reputation as the country's most elegant and intelligent football commentator, while making a small fortune at the same time. All of a sudden he has abandoned all that to take on one of the most difficult jobs in world football – and he has to do it with both hands tied behind his back. For Falcao has accepted working under a condition imposed by CBF president Ricardo Teixeira that he can select only players who are based in Brazil – a condition whose danger was amply exposed by the 3-0 defeat which came Brazil's way in Falcao's first match in charge, against Spain in Gijon in September.

If Falcao eventually comes through with his reputation intact, then pigs will fly, the Bolivians will send a manned spaceship to Mars and Brazil's bus drivers will respect the speed limit and stop at red lights.

Falcao can't win. If his team lose, the press will be demanding his head. If his team win, then his best players will be snapped up by European clubs, making them ineligible to play for Brazil and he will have to start all over again. Even if he does well there is no guarantee he will carry on until the next World Cup. There is a CBF presidential election at the start of 1992 and if Teicxeira is not re-elected his successor may simply decide Falcao is not the man for him.

That was the fate suffered by Carlos Alberto da Silva in 1989. Despite a successful 1988, Silva was ousted simply because Tecxeira took over and decided he preferred Sebastiao Lazaroni. Of the six national team managers employed by Brazil since the 1982 World Cup, only Tele Santana enhanced his reputation in the job. The rest all left in various degrees of disgrace, and none of them had to work under the condition which has been imposed on Falcao.

Lazaroni, a national hero less than a year ago, is still persona non grata in Brazil following the World Cup debacle and it is probably as well for him that he managed to arrange a job abroad with Italy's Fiorentina; Evaristo De Macedo, who took charge for a brief period in 1985, was sacked after Brazil lost a friendly in Chile and Evaristo was attacked by an angry mob at Rio airport on the team's return home; Silva never truly recovered from Brazil's 4-0 defeat against Chile in the 1987 Copa America.

### No luck

The other to try his luck was Edu Coimbra, brother of Zico, who was appointed on a match-by-match basis during 1987 and got the boot after just three months which included a defeat by England in the Maracana. Even Jorge Salgado, a leading CBF director, doubts that anyone could survive in the job for four years because of the pressures exerted by press and public.

Falcao cannot be certain that he will even have all the Brazil-based players available to him. Teixeira has already demonstrated that he will provide no assistance for Falcao when it comes to getting players released by their clubs. Falcao was forced to face Chile in Santiago last month without time for a training session with his squad.

Falcao had asked for his players to be made available for three days of training in Rio before flying off to Chile. But Teixeira, not wanting to offend the clubs, made no effort to get them released and the training programme went down the proverbial drain.

Lazaroni had even worse problems. He had to organise one pre-World Cup training session with only six players after Teixeira authorised eight players (five from Vasco, one from Botafogo, one from Flamengo and one from Sao Paulo) to play in state championship matches.

Falcao seemed to know what he had let himself in for. One of his first comments on taking over was: "As a player I always received more praise than criticism but certainly this will now be reversed." Still, he iunsisted: "I am ready for it."

Despite all the difficulties Falcao still remains confident, telling World Soccer at the CBF's Rio headquarters: "I took on this job only because I am certain that I am capable of doing it." Although it is his first coaching job, Falcao demonstrated that he has already mastered the art of giving non-committal replies to questions, which is maybe a good idea when you have the highly authoritarian Teixeira as your boss.

Lazaroni's manner of speaking was notorious among local reporters because of the way he would ramble on for seemingly hours without saying anything concrete. One reporter complained: "It is impossible to put Lazaroni on air because he talks a lot without saying anything." Falcao is extremely polite and courteous with the press. But Brazilian reporters say that his "assessors" have been doing their utmost to keep him away from the media to avoid any possible gaffes.

When asked if Brazil will return to the carefree style which delighted the world in the 1982 World Cup for example (a team of which he was an integral part), Falcao says: "It depends on the players who are available. Brazil can only play according to the character of the players available. It's the only way you can form a national team. What happens a lot in Brazil is that too many people watch a match thinking about the past."

He was even more non-committal on why Brazilian football is in such a mess. Obviously it is a dreaded question amomng Brazil managers because Teixeira himself must carry much of the blame.

Falcao got around the diplomatic problem by saying: "I don't think there is any one reason. There are various aspects which have brought us to this crisis and I intend to look back at events to study what's happened. Everything which happens tomorrow has something to do with yesterday.

"For example, I think violence in football is connected with the realities of a violent world. There have always been violent players. The answer is for the referees to take action."

Falcao intends to consult top coaches such as Enio Andrade, Rubens Minells, Santana and Mario Zagalo to find their opinions of what has gone wrong. He would not even commit himself on Joao Havelange's proposal to increase the size of goals, saying: "You have to think of everything when you want to change something for the better. Everything deserves to be tried out and then, if works well, why not?"

Finally, Falcao did come off the fence when asked about

World Cup action, with Brazil's Raymundo clearing from Argentina's Ruggeri.

# JUST CAN'T WIN

compartisons between himself and Franz Beckenbauer. He said: "I always had a great admiration for Beckenbauer as I have had for all great players. He has contributed enormously to European football and I am very happy to be compared with someone of such stature.

"But being a manager is much more difficult than being a player. You have to work with a group, you have to try to overcome all sorts of difficulties and you have to worry about keeping the group united. I don't think I can say I prefer playing to managing. This is the current stage in my professional life and I have to think about here and now not what I may have done before."

Falcao intends to watch as many players as possible to form a team base in readiness for next year's Copa America in Chile.

Since taking over in September he has already flown thousands of miles and watched games in places which Lazaroni probably never knew existed such as Goiania, Salvador and Novo Horizonte.

In his first two squad selections he has already picked players based in the states of Goias, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul and Bahia as well as the traditional Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. There is no justification for the idea that all the best players are based in the latter two states.

## Average

At the end of the first phase of the Brazilian national championship it was Atletico Mineiro, from Minas Gerais, who led Group A and Gremio, from Rio Grande so Sul, who led Group B. Botafogo were Rio's most successful club with ten points – fewer than Bhia, Vitoria, Goias, Nautico and Cruzeiro.

Falcao says: "I have watched an average of six matches a week, three live and three on television and this has given me an exact notion of the players available. I have travelled throughout Brazil to try to make as few mistakes as possible in my choice."

When asked why he had called up seemingly off-form players such as Leonardo (Sao Paulo) and Rinaldo (Fluminense) who could not even command a regular place oin their club sides, Falcao said: "When I call a player it does not mean he is going to be a regular first choice for Brazil. I am at the start of my work. I have to observe and find out what is available. There is no other way than by calling them up."

Falcao admitted he might call up foreign-based players for the Copa America though it is not clear whether Teixeira will give him carte blanche or whether the president will veto certain players. Of the World Cup squad, it seems Taffarel, Mazinho, Ricardo Gomes and Valdo are considered acceptable by the CBF leadership. Others, however, are considered to have been more motivated by financial than paytriotic considerations.

Lazaroni was also blamed after the World Cup for giving the players too much disciplinary leeway. Teixeira says he did not interfere for fear of exacerbating the problems.

He says: "It is like an aircraft which is already halfway down the runway. If you tried to stop it before the takeoff you would make things worse. It was like that with the national team. When we got to Italy it was too late to change anything." Will Falcao prove better late than never?

THE MANAGER

Paulo Roberto FALCAO. Aged 37. Begins the first coaching job of his career at a critical time for Brazilian football. Falcao was in Brazil's squad for the 1972 Olympic Games but was left on the substitutes' bench. A year later he made his professional debut for Internacional of Porto Alegre, winning the Gaucho championship in 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1979 and the Brazilian national championship in 1975, 1978 and 1979. He made his senior Brazil debut against Argentina in 1976 but was overlooked for the 1978 World Cup finals because coach Claudio Coutinho poreferred the hard-tackling Chicao. Tele Santana had very different ideas four years later and Falcao was one of the stars of the 1982 World Cup in Spain, scoring a memorable goal in the second round defeat by Italy. By now Falcao had transferred to Italy where he inspired Roma to the 1983 league title but his rapport with club and fams was never quite the same after he side-stepped the Champions' Cup Final penalty shoot-out against Liverpool the following year. Falcao earned headlines for his exploiits on and off the pitch in Rome but after struggling with injury he returned to Brazil in 1985, playing two last years with Sao Paulo.

THE PLAYERS

Wagner Fernando VELOSO. Goalkeeper. Aged 22 (born September 2, 1968) with one cap. Palmeiras. First-choice with Palmeiras for only a year but made such an impact that he came close to a place in the World Cup squad. Born at Araras, in the state of Sao Paulo, he has represented Brazil at various age levels.

Ivaniltion SERGIO Guedes. Goalkeeper. Aged 27 (born November 7, 1962) with no caps as yet. Santos. Has been with Santos for two years where his acrobatic saves have turned him into the idol of the fans. He is a member of the Athletes for Christ movement but this did not stop him becoming involved in the ugly brawl which held up a Sao Paulo v Santos match last April and led to a 150-day ban on Santos striker Serginho. TONINHO (Antonio Jorge Sobrinho). Defender. Aged 23 (born May 7, 1967) with no caps as yet. Palmeiras. Makes up for limited tactical ability with determnination and good positional play. Has spent his entire career with Palmeiras.

NELSINHO (Nelson Luiz Kerchner). Full back. Aged 27 (born 1963) with 27 caps. Flamengo. Loaned to Flamengo from Sao Paulo where, after spending his entire career, he decided that he needed a change. He was considered a first choice during the reign of Carlos Alberto Silva in 1987 and 1988, playing in the 1987 Copa America. Discarded when Lazaroni took over. Selected for the squad for the Seoul Olympics but then forced out by injury.

GIL BAIANO (Jose Gildasio de Matos). Full back. Aged 23 (born November 3, 1966) with one cap. Bragantino. Earned a place mainly thanks to his display in the final of this year's Sao Paulo championship when he helped his club to their surprise win. Born in Bahia, he played previously for Guarani.

LEONARDO de Araujo. Full back. Aged 21 (born 1969) with no caps as yet. Sao Paulo. Has gone the other way to Nelsinho, from Flamengo to Sao Paulo. He had joined Flamengo as an apprentice but had become unable to hold down a first-team spot. A member of the Brazil squad which finished third in the World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia nearly two years ago.

PAULAO (Paulo Cesar Batista dos Santos). Defender. Aged 23 (born March 26, 1967) with one cap. Cruzeiro. His inclusion in the squad for the match against Spain in September was the biggest surprise since he had only just achieved a first-team place with his club. Born at Itambacuri in Minas Gerais he joined Cruzeiro as a junior in 1985 but after three years in reserve was loaned to the Recife club, America, in 1988, returning to Cruzeiro later that same year.

Another "Athlete for Christ." MARCIO Roberto dos SANTOS. Defender. Aged 21 (born 1969) with no caps as yet. Novorizontino. Leapt from obscurity to the national squad thanks to his club's surprising runners-up spot in the Sao Paulo championship earlier this year. Small for a central defender but his technique makes up for a lack of inches and he has already vaught the eye of Benfica. Joined Novorizontino as a junior in 1987. CLEBER America da Conceicao. Defender. Aged 21 (born July 26, 1969) with no caps as yet. Atletico Mineiro. Called up for last month's Chile game after having joined Atletico in 1982. Was a forward until two years ago.

ADILSON Dias Batista. Defender. Aged 22 (born 1968) with no caps as yet. Cruzeiro. Another Minas Gerais state player called up for the match against Chile. Adilson joined Cruzeiro last year from Atletico Faraense. Tall, with good ball control, he is good in the air and has a powerful shot. He has already won two provincial championship titles – Parana last year and Minas Gerais this year.

CASSIO Alves de Barros. Left back. Aged 19 (born 1971) with no caps as yet. Vasco da Gama. Called up for the match against Chile even though he had been out of form with Vasco. Considered by the club as the natural successor to Italy-bound Mazinho.

Nelsinho (left) and Jorginho.

Still classed as an amateur, earning just over £100 a month. Can also play right back.

CAFU (Marcos Evangelista de Moraes). Midfield. Aged 20 (born June 7, 1970) with one cap. Sao Paulo – whom he joined in 1988 as a right back before moving up into midfield.

DONIZETE Francisco de Oliveira. Midfield. Aged 22 (born February 21, 1968) with one cap. Gremio – whom he joiend from Fluminenense in August. A good marker but with a suspect temperament. Indeed, he was sent off on his debut for Gremio, in the Porto Alegre derby against Internacional.

MOACIR Rodrigues Santos. Midfield. Aged 20 (born 1970) with one cap. Atletico Mineiro. Another player called up despite problems holding down a first-team place with his club. Moacir was picked for the squad for the game against Spain even though Falcao had never seen him play and selected him on the basis of a frediend's recommendation. Joined his club as an apprentice in 1985 and was another member of Brazil's squad at last year's World Youth Cup.

BISMARCK Barreto Faria. Midfield. Aged 21 (born September 11, 1969) with 10 caps. Vasco da Gama. The only survivor from Brazil's World Cup squad who still figures in Falcao's plans.

One-club player, who joined Vasco at 13 and established himself as a regular first-teamer only two years later. Creative talent but his critics say he lacks personality. Was voted Best Players at the last World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabaia. Another member of the Athletes for Christ movement.

Jose Ferreira NETO. Midfield. Aged 24 (born September 9, 1966) with two caps. Corinthians. A player of great talent around whom Falcao intends to build his team. Many people, including the player himself, thought he should have been at the World Cup.

Press reports at one time claimed he would be bought by Napoli to replace Diego Maradona but this turned out to be a publicity stunt atranged by his Argentine agent. Neto, a Brazilian Gascoigne, has three characteristics: his pinpoint 50-yard passes, his excellent free kicks and his incredible inconsistency. His temperament is also a matter of question since he has already played for Guarani, Sao Paulo and the Rio club Bangu before joining Corinthians. His international debut was against Belgium in 1988.

TULIO Humberto Costa. Forward. Aged 21 (born 1969) with no caps as yet. Goias. Leapt from obscurity last year when he was top scorer in the national championship, a remarkable feat for a player with such a minor provincial club. Tulio played for Brazil's youngsters in the Toulon tournament this year.

CHARLES Fabian Santos. Centre forward. Aged 22 (born April 2, 1968) with five caps. Bahia. Recalled for the Spain game for the first time since, through no fault of his own, he was the centre of bitter political row during the 1989 Copa America.

Charles (pronounced Shar-les) began his career with Bahia, with whom he won the Brazilian championshp in 1988. He was selected for some friendlies during the early days of the Lazaroni regime and did well, scoring three goals in four games. Despite this he was dropped for the Copa America to make way fpr the European-based players. Since then little has gone right. Apart from the political problems, he had a miserable period on loan to the Spanish club Malaga and was eventually forced to return to Bahia. Skilful, but lacks pace.

NILSON Esidio. Forward. Aged 24 (born 1966) with two caps. Gremio – whom he joined this year after an unsuccessful spell in Spain. Before that he had made his name with Gremio's arch rivals, Internacional, where he was leading scorer in the 1989 national championship. Played in the 3-0 defeat by Spain in September. Before that his international experience had been limited to 15 minutes as a substitute against Peru in 1989. Born in Sao Paulo state.

PAULO EGIDIO Bertola. Forward. Aged 28 (born 1962) with no caps as yet. Gremio. Old-fashioned winger who returned to Gremio in 1989 from Portuguese club Boavista. Born in Sao Paulo state and represented Brazil at youth level.

JORGINHO (Jorge Luis da Silva). Forward. Aged 25 (born 1965) with no caps as yet. Palmeiras. Right sided forward who joined Palmeiras this year after six productive years with their Sao Paulo rivals, Portuguesa. His call up for the squad to face Spain surprised even him.

Aguinaldo Luiz SORATO. Forward. Aged 21 (born 1969) with no caps as yet. Vasco da Gama. Has yet to be called up by Falcao but has a habit of scoring important goals and his chance should not be long delayed. His most important goal was the winner in the final of the 1989 Brazilian championship against Sao Paulo in the Morumbi stadium. Born in Araras, Sao Paulo state, and joined Vasco at 15.

LUIS HENRIQUE. Forward. Aged 22 (born 1968) with no caps as yet. Bahia. After all the fuss of the 1989 Copa America the Bahians had two players in the squad for October's match with Chile when Luis Henrique and Charles were both called up. The much-travelled Henrique was born in Minas Gerais, became a professioonal with Catuense in the state of Bahia and was loaned to Flamengo in 1987-88. Flamengo wanted to buy him but considered Catuense's price too high so Bahia stepped in, instead.

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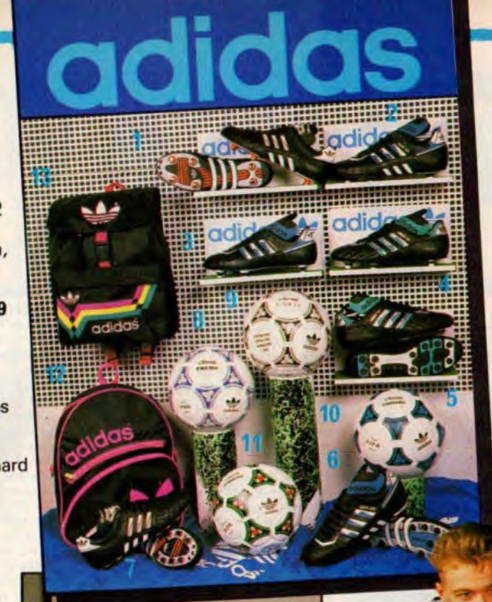

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**ACTION:** Vasco are 'again' eliminated from the South American club cup. In Santiago, they lose the replayed quarter-final second leg by 1-0 against defending title-holders Atletico Nacional of Colombia. Nacional now face Olimpia of Paraguay in the semi-final. The other semi is between River Plate and Barcelona of Ecuador.

*Beckenbauer ... doubts.*

**UNITED STATES:** The USSF admit, after earlier denials, that it is negotiating to put the national team into the Mexican or perhaps Brazilian championship to build up international experience ... bad news from Marseille, where Franz Beckenbauer says he may stay longer than his initial two-year appointment, throwing further doubt on his interest in working with the Americans before World Cup'94.

**WEST GERMANY:** Struggling Hamburg appoint former star striker Georg Volkert as coach. HSV had turned him down for the job during the summer but then failed with offers to Beckenbauer, Uli Stielike and Christoph Daum (ex-Koln).

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**FRANCE:** Nice are held goalless at home by Monaco.

**WEST GERMANY:** Kaiserslautern recover from their thrashing at the hands of Bayern by defeating Nurnberg 3-1.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**ACTION:** In France, Marseille win 2-0 at Toulouse with fine goals from Waddle and Papin. Bordeaux are held 1-1 away to Cannes ... in Portugal Benfica win 3-0 away to Salgueiros in a match brought forward 24 hours to aid their preparations to face Roma in the UEFA Cup ... there are Spanish league victories for Barcelona (3-2 away to Betis) and Real Madrid (3-0 at home to Mallorca) ... in West Germany Bayern Munich maintain their leadership with a 2-1 win away to Fortuna Dusseldorf.

**AUSTRIA:** Josef Hickersberger resigns as manager of Austria in the wake of the European championship defeat by the Faroes. Under-21s' boss Alfred Riedl takes over.

**SPAIN:** Real Madrid return to winning ways with a 3-0 victory over Mallorca.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**ACTION:** Anderlecht are held 1-1 at home by Ghent in Belgium ... in Holland, Feyenoord are held 1-1 at home by PSV Eindhoven ... in Italy, two upsets in the second round of the championship: Napoli go down 2-1 at home to Cagliari while Juventus are held 1-1 on their league debut in the new Turin stadium by Atalanta ... in Portugal there are 3-0 victories for both Sporting and Benfica, against Boavista and Salgueiros respectively ...
Barcelona stay top in Spain thanks to a 3-2 victory away to Betis.

**ENGLAND:** The Sunday newspapers report the latest developments in the Tottenham/Maxwell saga, including the departure of Paul Bobroff as chairman of the Tottenham Hotspur plc holding company and the fact that a loan from Maxwell was used to pay the last instalment of the Gary Lineker transfer fee to Barcelona.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**COLOMBIA:** Atletico Nacional's appeal against being forced to play their South American club semi-final 'home' leg in Santiago is rejected by the continental confederation. Nacional had proposed playing their tie against Olimpia of Paraguay in Venezuela.

*Kieft ... injury.*

**FRANCE:** More trouble for Bordeaux as Dutch striker Wim Kieft faces two months out of action with a broken arm.

**ITALY:** Concern increases about the state of the Stadio Meazza pitch in Milan after Inter midfielder Paolo Stringara is ruled out for six weeks by a knee injury, suffered against Bologna on Sunday. Stringara blames the injury on the pitch, saying: "You sink into the pitch. It's impossible to play football."

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**ACTION:** Early first round matches in the European club competitions take place. In the Champions' Cup Real Madrid win 4-1 away to OB of Denmark.

**CHINA:** Kuwaiti footballers are among their country's squad present at the opening of the Asian Games in Beijing. Leading the Kuwaiti delegation of officials is Sheikh Ahmed Fahd Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, son of Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, who was head of the Asian Olympic committee and a FIFA vice-president and who was killed during the Iraq invasion.

**ECUADOR:** Barcelona of Guayaquil are ordered by the South American confederation to respond to allegations of administrative irregularities at their South American semi-final victory over Argentina's River Plate. Barcelona won on penalties to reach the final but River Plate are demanding that the match be replayed on neutral territory. They claim a Barcelona player attacked an Argentine player during the match with a corkscrew and that, in the ensuing penalty shoot-out, the referee misinterpreted the rules, denying River a 'goal'.

**ENGLAND:** The FA formally tells Scotland that it does not want to reinstate the 'Auld Enemy' fixture in the calendar, principally because of the accompanying hooligan problems.
England's calendar is taken up, this season, instead with matches against Argentina on May 21 and the Soviet Union on May 26. As part of the Rous Cup format, Argentina will play the Soviet Union at Old Trafford in between, probably on May 24. England's first fixture in 1990 will be against Cameroon on February 6.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**ACTION:** A busy night with the first round, first leg ties in all three European competitions. Biggest upset is in the UEFA Cup, where Eintracht Frankfurt crash 5-0 to Brondby of Denmark.
Ominously there is hooligan trouble in Vienna (involving Internazionale fans), in Bergamo (involving Dinamo Zagreb fans) and in Leverkusen (involving Twente Enschede fans).

**ENGLAND:** Argentine World Cup defender Nestor Lorenzo, surplus to import requirements at Bari in Italy, begins a trial with Nottingham Forest.

**FRANCE:** New Marseille technical director Franz Beckenbauer, in his first major interview since his appointment, further distances himself from a role in the 1994 World Cup.

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA secretary Gerd Aigner is reported as explaining possible changes to the European cups which will see the latter stages played in mini-leagues rather than on the current knock-out basis ... UEFA president Lennart Johansson says that a Belgian appeal court's decision to overturn the acquittal of former UEFA secretary Hans Bangerter on Heysel disaster charges could cost Belgium their chances of being awarded (jointly with Holland) the finals of the 1996 European championship.

**UNITED STATES:** USSF officials confirm that the Houston Astrodome is a serious contender to be studied as a venue for 1994 World Cup matches.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**ALBANIA:** Dinamo Tirana star Pjerin Noga is absent from the squad who returns to Tirana after their Champions' Cup defeat by Marseille. Reports from France say Noga, a 27-year-old international, has asked for political asylum after 'losing himelf' in the crowd at Marseille airport.

**FRANCE:** Gerard Gili, demoted coach of Marseille, resigns "by mutual agreement." It is an open secret that Gili has been contracted by deadly rivals Bordeaux.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**ACTION:** Defending South American champions Nacional lose 2-1 to Olimpia of Paraguay in Santiago, in their 'home' leg of the semi-final. Arboleda scores for Nacional, Samaniego and Amarilla for Olimpia. The return is next Wednesday in Asuncion ... in the Asian Games, Kuwait's first match ends in a 2-1 victory over Hong Kong 'to the noisy delight of their fans.

**FRANCE:** Argentine World Cup star Jorge Burruchaga, out for the rest of the year with more knee trouble, "relinquishes professional status" so Nantes can sign the Chad midfielder Jafet Ndoram as replacement.

**HOLLAND:** 'New' manager Rinus Michels names uncapped Stan Valckx and Frank De Boer in his squad for the forthcoming friendly against Italy in Palermo.

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### OBITUARY

**EDUARD STRELTSOV: One of the most controversial of Soviet stars, who died aged 53 in Moscow after a long illness. Streltsov exploded on Soviet soccer in the mid-1950s, made his league debut with Moscow Torpedo at 16 and his national team debut at 18 in 1955. A centre-forward of skill and personality 'totally at odds with the demands of the Soviet soccer establishment at the time, Streltsov should have led the Soviet attack at the 1958 World Cup finals. Instead he was accused of involvement in a rape incident and sentenced to 12 years in Siberia. In 1964 Streltsov was released and returned to Torpedo. Fears of adverse publicity blocked his selection for the World Cup squad in 1966. But Streltsov won the Soviet championship with Torpedo in 1965, the cup in 1968 and was voted Footballer of the Year in 1967 and 1968. In his 39 internationals he scored 25 goals, including a hat-trick against Chile in Santiago in 1966. Streltsov retired in 1971 and was appointed to the Torpedo youth coaching staff.**

**PETER TAYLOR: Former assistant to Brian Clough in their most successful managerial days at Derby and Nottingham Forest, died in Mallorca aged 62. Taylor, who had scaled down his involvement with the game after suffering a heart attack, had been unwell for three years. Taylor met Clough while he was a goalkeeper with Middlesbrough. In their managerial partnership Taylor was the 'brains' behind most of their shrewdest transfer swoops. The relationship between the two men, as apparently inseparable as Morecambe and Wise, began to break down after the publication of Taylor's 1980 autobiography. In 1982 Taylor resigned from Forest. He returned to the game as manager of Derby but only briefly.**

*Taylor ... heart attack.*

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*Hassler ... sarcasm leads to a one-match suspension.*

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**ITALY:** Inter midfielder Lothar Matthaus will miss three league matches after twisting his left knee in Inter's midweek UEFA Cup defeat against Rapid in Vienna ... film producer Mario Cecchi Gori is formally confirmed as new president of Fiorentina. In fact, he has been running and financing the club since the middle of June ... Italy manager Azeglio Vicini calls up Juventus forward Pierluigi Casiraghi for the friendly against Holland ... a new experience for Italian TV: viewers flood state and private channels with complaints that there is too much football.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**ACTION:** French league action sees a shock home defeat for Marseille, 1-0 against Cannes, in their first match under Franz Beckenbauer. Yugoslav midfielder Markos Mlinaric scores the goal after a 34th-minute free kick ... in Spain, Zaragoza stay bottom of the table after losing 3-1 at home to Real Madrid, for whom Gheorghe Hagi scores his first goal since his transfer from Steaua Bucharest ... in Switzerland Lausanne beat Aarau 1-0 to extend their lead to two points ahead of Sion. Grasshoppers, who had been one point behind lose 3-1 to Lugano ... in West Germany Kaiserslautern crush Uerdingen 7-3 to return to the top of the table while Bayern Munich waste a two-goal lead and are held 2-2 by Bochum. Ralf Falkenmayer scores the Goal of the Season (So Far?) as Frankfurt recover from their midweek embarrassment in Europe to defeat Koln 1-0.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**ACTION:** In Argentina Rosario Central move clear at the top after early-season leaders Boca Juniors lose the 'classic' derby 2-0 to River Plate ... in Belgium Anderlecht at last find form to thrash Kortrijk 7-1 away with a hat-trick from Marc Degrijse ... in Holland the status quo rules: Ajax (3-0 v Volendam) are joint top with PSV (3-0 v Heerenveen) ... in Italy, Napoli are heading for a crisis as they lose 1-0 to promoted Parma. Milan beat Fiorentina 2-1 to maintain the only 100 per cent record after just three rounds of the championship. Rafael Martin Vazquez scores his first goal for Torino in their 2-0 defeat of Inter and Alexei Mikhailichenko scores Sampdoria's winner against Bologna ... a goal by Englishman Phil Walker, for Portugal's Boavista, pegs Benfica back to a 1-1 draw 'leading them three points adrift of joint leaders Porto and Sporting ... in Spain a seventh-minute goal from Julio Salinas brings Barcelona a narrow home victory over Valladolid and keeps them top of the table, two points clear of Gijon and Real Madrid.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** The country's three soccer ruling bodies sign a 'unity pact' as a first step towards seeking re-entry to FIFA after more than 20 years in the cold. The three bodies are the black-controlled Soccer Association of South Africa, the Indian-run South African Soccer Federation and the whites' Football Association of South Africa. A November 1991 deadline is set to wind up current administrative arrangements.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Hooligan violence is broken up by police before and after Partizan's 2-0 home win over Sarajevo.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**HOLLAND:** Feyenoord accuse the Romanian sports ministry of making threatening phone calls to their new signing, loan Sabau, as part of a campaign to obtain a higher transfer fee on behalf of Dinamo Bucharest.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**ACTION:** Czechoslovakia beat Iceland 7-0 in the European under-21/Olympic qualifiers.

**HOLLAND:** Sabau flies to Bucharest to play for Romania against Poland the next day and denies rumours that he will seek political asylum in Holland. Sabau has also been in dispute with Romania manager Constantin after being omitted from the European championship line-up against Scotland.

**UNITED STATES:** Four members of the US'94 organising committee inspect facilities in Houston, including the Astrodome.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**ACTION:** In the European championship, Czechoslovakia beat Iceland 1-0. In international friendlies, Italy beat Holland 1-0 with a goal from Roberto Baggio, Romania beat Poland 2-1 and Sweden beat Bulgaria 2-0 ... in the South American club cup, Olimpia beat Nacional of Colombia 2-1 in a penalty shoot-out to decide their semi-final. The score is 3-2 to Nacional both after 90 minutes and extra time. Afterwards Nacional decide to protest that Olimpia fielded an ineligible player in the first leg.

**BELGIUM:** Mechelen are held 1-1 at home by champions Brugge.This is the first league goal Brugge have conceded all season.

**ENGLAND:** Brighton are to take Minsk Dynamo forward Igor Gurinovich on trial ... Luton give a trial to US World Cup defender Des Armstrong, who has paid his own fare to Europe in the hope of signing professional.

**ITALY:** Inter decide to stage their UEFA Cup return against Rapid Vienna in Verona because of the deteriorating state of the pitch in the Stadio Meazza.

**UNITED STATES:** The USSF appoints a 16-member committee to develop plans for setting up a new, nationwide, professional league. President Alan Rothenberg says: "Our youth system is one of the largest in the world and produces many talented players each year. But we must ensure a nationwide professional environment to which they can aspire."

**YUGOSLAVIA:** More hooligan trouble as a fan invasion halts the Hajduk Split v Partizan league match in the 72nd minute. The match is abandoned.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**ITALY:** Juventus coach Gigi Maifredi is banned from the touchline for a month after swingeing criticism of referee during and after a game. Juve's West German midfielder Thomas Hassler is also banned for one game for giving referee Pierluigi Magni a sarcastic burst of applause.

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA fine Sampdoria £9,000 and Kaiserslautern £6,000 following player misbehaviour during their European first round first leg clash. Sampdoria had two players sent off and Ivano Bonetti is banned for two matches and Marco Lanna for one.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** The federation launches immediate disciplinary action against Hajduk Split following the midweek hooligan violence. The Hajduk management blames the trouble on supporters who were "partly under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**ALBANIA:** Another Albanian player seeks asylum in the west.
This time it is Flamurtari's 19-year-old Aldin Kuculi who failed to return home after the midweek Cup-winners' Cup tie against Olympiakos in Greece.

**ARGENTINA:** Alejandro Russo of Estudiantes flies to England to begin a month's trial with Manchester United.

**AUSTRIA:** A soccer crisis meeting between the federation and clubs ends with agreement on the need for urgent action plus a vote of confidence for new national manager Alfred Riedl.

**EAST GERMANY:** Hansa Rostock win 2-0 away to Chemnitz to take over at the top of the table after a match threatened in the second half by rockets fired within the crowd.

**FRANCE:** Marseille recover from their shock home defeat by Cannes to win 3-1 – their first win under Franz Beckenbauer.

**ITALY:** Antonio Caliendo, agent to Argentine forward Pedro Troglio, confirms that the player will, after all, be released next month by Lazio but to a destination unknown as yet.
Interested clubs include Uerdingen, Cesena and Bologna ... Bari's Argentine World Cup defender, Nestor Lorenzo, returns to Italy after cutting short a trial with Nottingham Forest. His first match? A Midlands league game against Darlington.

**SWITZERLAND:** FIFA admit that informal consideration is being given to increasing the size of goals "as one way of making the game more attractive."

**WEST GERMANY:** Bayern Munich suffer their first defeat of the season as they go down 1-0 away to Werder Bremen.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Hajduk are banned from playing in their Poljud stadium indefinitely by the federation and ordered to play home matches 90 miles away as punishment for the crowd trouble which halted their midweek match against Partizan.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**ACTION:** In Czechoslovakia, UEFA Cup contenders Banik Ostrava lose 2-1 away to Slovan Bratislava and champions Sparta crash 3-0 at Spartak Hradec Kralove ... in East Germany the match between Sachsen Leipzig and Carl Zeiss Jena is abandoned after 83 minutes following fans' exchange of missiles ... in West Germany Eintracht Frankfurt move to within one point of leaders Kaiserslautern thanks to the only goal of the game against Hamburg, scored by Andy Moller.

**PORTUGAL:** Three players are sent off as Sporting stay joint top with Porto, thanks to a 2-1 away win over Estrela Amadora. Estrela's Paulo Jorge and Paulo Bento as well as Sporting's Vlado Bozinoski sent off.

**SPAIN:** Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil summons an extraodinary general meeting of members to discuss whether to withdraw from the league in protest at refereeing 'in the 2-1 defeat by Bilbao earlier in the day 'which Gil considers "more suited to a banana republic."

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA call for an explanation, from Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil, of his description of top French referee Michel Vautrot as "an animal".

**TUNISIA:** National team star Faouri Raoussi of Club Africain agrees to a two-week trial with English first division Leeds.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Two fans are seriously injured after a pitch invasion during Rijeka's home game against Red Star Belgrade ...
Dinamo Zagreb coach Josip Kuze quits after the 1-1 home draw (and 6-5 defeat on penalties) with Osijek, saying he is tired of working with players who do not follow his instructions.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**ACTION:** Apolonia beat Besa 2-0 in Albania to edge one point clear of the pack after four games ... in Denmark Brondby are held 2-2 at home by AaB but still lead by nine points from B1903 ... Vanenburg scores twice as PSV beat Den Haag 4-0 ... in Italy Milan lose their 100 per cent record 'the last in the first division 'as they are held 1-1 away to Lazio. Napoli," courtesy of a Careca goal, scramble a last-minute 2-1 win over Pisa ... no change in Spain: Barcelona stay top thanks to a 1-0 win at Tenerife, while Real Madrid stay two points adrift after Hugo Sanchez goals bring a 2-1 home win over Cadiz.



### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

**ACTION:** A shock at the Asian Games, where Thailand beat hosts China 1-0 in the quarter-finals. Iran beat Japan 1-0, North Korea beat Saudi Arabia 4-3 on penalties and homeless Kuwait go down 1-0 to a South Korean team including eight of their World Cup men.

**FRANCE:** Marseille's injured Slav midfielder, Dragan Stojkovic, flies to Munich for specialist treatment on a knee injury.

**ITALY:** Police in Rome arrest 500 fans arriving back in the capital after they smash up a train on their way back from Milan, where Roma lost 2-1 to Internazionale.

**ROMANIA:** Dinamo Bucharest agree terms for the sale of forward Dorin Mateut to Zaragoza. Dinamo also receive an apology from Feyenoord for allegations of threats issued to loan Sabau in confusion over his transfer to Holland.

**SWITZERLAND:** Wettingen, bottom of the first division, sack German coach Udo Klug ... UEFA announce that European club competition attendances were down last season by seven per cent to a 4,840,000 total (average 19,360).

**UNITED STATES:** USSF president Alan Rothenberg says that Bob Gansler will stay on as national coach. Fixtures are announced for the US to play Poland on October 10, Croatia on October 17 and Moscow Spartak, at Blaine, on October 27.

**WEST GERMANY:** National boss Berti Vogts names a squad of 15 for the forthcoming friendly against Sweden. Two more players will be named after the weekend league games. Squad: Aumann, Illgner; Berthold, Binz, Brehme, Kohler; Hassler, Matthaus, Moller, K Reinhardt, Strunz; Klinsmann, Kuntz, Riedle, Voller.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** The province of Croatia announces a match in Zagreb on October 17 against the United States.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**ACTION:** Bayern Munich, Rangers and Real Madrid all cruise through their Champions' Cup return ties as the European club competition second legs begin.

**CZECHOSLOVAKA:** Champions Sparta, rocked by internal political problems, appoint 49-year-old Vaclav Masek as new president. Masek played 311 league matches (scoring 121 goals) for Sparta in the 1960s. Police in Hradec Kralovy confirm that Sparta fans were among the 26 arrested at the weekend after hooligan trouble before and after Sparta's visit to play Spartak HK.

**FRANCE:** Michel Platini names his squad for the October 13 European qualifier against Czechoslovakia. He recalls Philippe Vercruysse for the first time in two years. Squad: Martini, Rousset; Amoros, Boli, Casoni, Fernandez, Petit, Sauzee; Blanc, Durand, Deschamps, Pardo, Vercruysse; Cantona, Papin, Perez, Vahirua. Marseille boss Franz Beckenbauer says the German unification achievement (to be completed at midnight) "sets an example for humanity."

**SWEDEN:** Caretaker manager Nisse Andersson recalls Liverpool's Glenn Hysen and several other foreign-based stars for the international against West Germany. Squad: Ravelli, Eriksson; Hysen, Larsson, Jan Eriksson, Vaatovaara; Ingesson, Limpar, Joakim Nilsson, Rehn, Thern; Brolin, Pettersson, Corneliusson, Kennet Andersson.

**UNITED STATES:** Former Cosmos goalkeeper Shepp Messing is sent for trial by a Brooklyn court on charges of attempting to defraud professional athletes of around $300,000 between 1987 and 1989.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

**ACTION:** The vast majority of the European club first round second leg matches are staged. Among the losers are last season's Champions' Cup runners-up Benfica. They lose 1-0 at home to Roma in the UEFA Cup and 2-0 on aggregate ... in the Asian Games Iran beat defending champions South Korea 1-0 after extra time in the semi-finals. Iran now meet North Korea, who edged out Thailand 1-0.

**FRANCE:** Marseille's Yugoslav midfielder Dragan Stojkovic may miss the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

**ITALY:** Sampdoria's Gianluca Vialli promises a goal-scoring return in two months' time after undergoing a cartilage operation on his left knee.

**REP IRLAND:** Jack Charlton's squad for the European qualifier against Turkey is: Bonner, Peyton; Morris, Staunton, Irwin, McCarthy, O'Leary; McGrath, Houghton, Whelan, Sheridan, Townsend, McLoughlin, Sheedy; Cascarino, Aldridge, Quinn, Kelly, Slaven.

**UNITED STATES:** Ernie Stewart of Dutch club Willem II is called up by the US for the October 10 friendly against Poland ... San Diego Sockers, of the Major (Indoor) Soccer League, sign Soviet defender Alex Golovnya from Orlando Lions. Bolovnya played formerly for Minsk Dynamo, Moscow Dynamo and Moscow Lokomotiv.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

**ITALY:** Atalanta's Argentine star, Claudio Caniggia, is ruled out for two months after breaking an arm ... Fiorentina renew their bid for Benfica's Brazilian midfielder Valdo following the Portuguese club's UEFA Cup exit ... Toto Schillaci signs a new contract tying him to Juventus until 1993.

**POLAND:** National manager Andrzej Strejlau names this squad to prepare for the forthcoming internationals against the United States and England: Bako, Wandzik, Sidorczuk; Czachowski, Kaczmarek, Lukasik, Soczynski, Szewczyk, R Warzycha, Wdowczyk, Kubicki, Jegor, Jakolcewicz, Nawrocki, Prusik, Tarasiewicz, Furtok, Dziekanowski, Kosecki, K Warzycha, Ziober.

**PORTUGAL:** The Lisbon rumour machine suggests that Benfica coach Sven-Goran Eriksson may be on the brink of dismissal after the first-round defeat by Roma in the UEFA Cup.

**SWITZERLAND:** FIFA president Joao Havelange says he is personally in favour of enlarging the goals.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

**SWITZERLAND:** Top tie in the draws for the second round of the European club cups matches Internazionale against Aston Villa in the UEFA Cup. Full draw.-
Champions' Cup: Dreseden v Malmo, Red Star v Rangers, Dinamo Bucharest v FC Porto, Real Madrid v Tirol, Bayern Munich v CSKA Sofia, Lech Poznan v Marseille, Napoli v Moscow Spartak, Milan (holders) v Brugge. Cup-winners' Cup: Kiev v Dukla, Man United v Wrexham, Olympiakos v Sampdoria (holders), Barcelona v Fram, Montpellier v Steaua, Liege v Estrela Amadora, Aberdeen v Legia, FK Austria v Juventus. UEFA Cup: Brondby v Ferencvaros, Luzern v Admira, Hearts v Bologna, GKS Katowice v Bayer Leverkusen, Fenerbahce v Atalanta, Sporting Lisbon v Poli Timisoara, Real Sociedad v Partizan, Magdeburg v Bordeaux, Valencia v Roma, Chernomorets v Monaco, Craiova v Dortmund, Omonia v Anderlecht, Koln v Inter Bratislava, Vitesse v Dundee Utd, A Villa v Inter, Moscow Torpedo v Sevilla.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

**ACTION:** Tempers flare in the Viennese derby, with FK Austria having three players sent off during their 3-0 defeat by Rapid ...
Marseille maintain their leadership in France with a 3-1 win over Saint-Etienne, who are now bottom. Marseille cover the injury absences of Amoros, Pardo and Stojkovic by calling in veteran international Jean Tigana ... in Turkey Fenerbahce crash 5-3 to Trabzonspor ... in West Germany Bayern Munich go back to the top after beating Borussia Monchengladbach 4-1 in a game whose scoreline flatters the champions. Kaiserslautern are toppled from league leadership by the last-minute goal from Wolf which brings a 1-0 defeat at St Pauli.

**ITALY:** Reports from Buenos Aires say that Diego Maradona has dismissed his business manager, Guillermo Coppola, for "exclusively personal reasons."

**MOROCCO:** Werner Olk, one-time Bayern Munich defender then assistant coach, is appointed national team manager by Morocco.

**WEST GERMANY:** Two Scots may shortly be on their way: Murdo Macleod is poised to leave Dortmund to return home to Scotland with Dunfermline or Hibernian; Alan McInally could be on his way from Bayern Munich to Schalke.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Relegation-threatened Hajduk Split appoint Josip Skoblar as new coach in succession to the former Anderlecht defender, Luka Peruzovic.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**ACTION:** Brondby miss a chance to secure the Danish title when they can only draw 1-1 against Silkeborg ... in Holland Ajax thrash NEC Nijmegen 7-0 to go top thanks to hat-tricks from Bergkamp and Pettersson. PSV are without a game this weekend ... in Italy Milan extend their lead thanks to a 2-0 win over Cagliari. Marco Van Basten scores both goals ... Real Madrid slip a point further adrift of Barcelona in Spain, as they are held 1-1 away to Real Sociedad. Hugo Sanchez scores for Madrid. Barcelona easily beat Bilbao 4-1 thanks to two own goals from Bilbao's former under-21 defender, Patxi Salinas.

**EAST GERMANY:** Energie Cottbus take US World Cup defender Mike Windischmann on trial.

**SPAIN:** Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil sacks Brazilian centre-forward Baltazar, top scorer in Spain only two seasons ago.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

**EAST GERMANY:** Sachsen Leipzig are fined, banned from their home stadium for one match and lose last month's match against Carl Zeiss Jena by a formal 2-0 after a commission of inquiry into the circumstances under which the match was abandoned in the 82nd minute. Trainer Jimmy Hartwig is fined and banned untul December for inciting crowd trouble by taunting referee Siegfried Kirschen on the pitch and calling him "a little swine." Hartwig is also ordered to apologise.

**ENGLAND:** Sweden midfielder Anders Limpar defies Arsenal and flies to Stockholm to prepare for Sweden's international against West Germany, insisting that the club honour his release clause.
Arsenal manager George Graham says his only concern is that Limpar may aggravate a hamstring injury ... Aston Villa announce price increases for the best seats for the UEFA Cup tie against Internazionale.

**FRANCE:** Monaco's long-time-injured Glenn Hoddle flies back to England for a further exploratory operation on the injured knee which threatens his career. He will accept an offer to use Chelsea facilities for training.

**ITALY:** Doping scandal in Rome as it is revealed that Roma's World Cup centre forward, Andrea Carnevale, and goalkeeping team-mate Angelo Peruzzi failed dope tests administered after the September 23 defeat of Bari (Roma won 1-0 with the goal coming from Carnevale). New federation rules, approved only the previous Friday, state that players guilty of a first offence should be banned for two years.

**NIGERIA:** Jonathan Ogufere, president of the West African Football Union, says that Sunday's WAFU Cup Final, in which Asec of the Ivory Coast beat Djoliba of Mali 2-1, has been declared null and void because the competition was not formally authorised.

**REP IRELAND:** Frank Stapleton tells the FAI that he is retiring from international football after scoring 20 goals in 70 games, which included 30 as captain.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

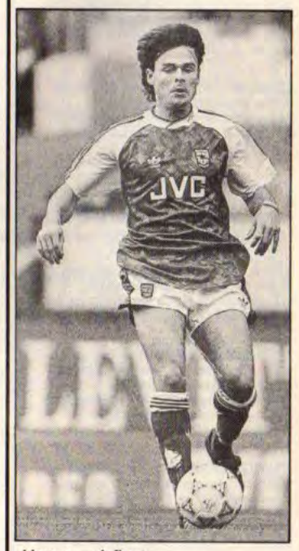
**ACTION:** The Soviet Union beat Israel 3-0 in a senior international and 6-2 in an under-21 game ... Norway beat Hungary 3-1 in the European under-21 championship, while Spain beat Iceland 2-0.

**ARGENTINA:** Ex-national boss Carlos Bilardo says that Maradona has been kept going only by the extensive use of painkillers. Bilardo suggests that if Maradona wishes to extend his career he should be moved back into midfield.

**AUSTRIA:** League action sees Tirol thrash Sturm Graz 4-1 thanks to two goals from Pacult. Rapid, surprisingly, lose 2-0 at home to Alpine.

**BELGIUM:** National boss Guy Thys recalls Erwin Vandenbergh and Luc Nilis for the forthcoming European qualifier against Wales. Both men were overlooked for the World Cup.

**BRAZIL:** Paulo Roberto Falcao names his squad for the forthcoming 'peace mission' match against Chile in Santiago. Once again Vasco's Bismarck is the only survivor from the World Cup squad ... a match is announced for October 31 between Brazil and the Rest of the World in Milan to celebrate Pele's 50th birthday.



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**FRANCE:** National boss Michel Platini recalls Jean-Marc Ferreri in place of the injured Manuel Amoros for the weekend's European tie against Czechoslovakia. Christian Perez also drops out because of injury.

**ITALY:** The European Supercup first leg between Sampdoria and Milan is in doubt because of heavy rain in Genoa. The previous weekend's match between Genoa and Napoli had to be delayed 40 minutes for mopping-up operations.

**NORTH KOREA:** The first South Korean team ever to visit the North flies into Pyongyang as part of progress towards easing tensions between the two states.

**NORWAY:** Former international Kai-Erik Herlovsen is told he may not benefit from insurance over his enforced premature retirement, while playing for Borussia Monchengladbach, because of faulty medical treatment.

**SOVIET UNION:** Kiev centre back Oleg Kuznetsov flies to Glasgow to complete his transfer to Rangers.

**SPAIN:** Atletico Madrid spring yet another shock by signing controversial West German Bernd Schuster, who had been given a free transfer by Real Madrid. Schuster becomes the first top player to have worn the colours of Spain's Big Three – Real, Atletico and Barcelona.

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA president Lennat Johansson says he opposes increasing the size of goals because "this would make scoring too easy."

**TURKEY:** All the Besiktas players involved in the Champions' Cup defeat by Malmo are fined $1,200 each by the club as punishment.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**ACTION:** The European qualifiers see victories for Spain (2-1 v Iceland) and Denmark (4-1 v the Faroe Islands) and a goalless draw between Norway and Hungary. In 'friendly' action there are victories for World Cup-holders West Germany (3-1 in Sweden), the United States (3-2 in Poland) and for Greece (6-1 against Egypt with five goals for Saravakos) ... the first leg of the European Supercup takes place, after all, and Sampdoria are held 1-1 by Milan in Genoa.

**BELGIUM:** The fraud squad investigate the affairs of first division club Beerschot after allegations of a $1million tax dodge ... in league action Anderlecht win 4-0 away to Lierse.

**FRANCE:** Injury-hit France now call up the uncapped Paris SG midfielder Jocelyn Angloma for the match against Czechoslovakia.

**ITALY:** Diego Maradona suddenly flies home to Argentina amid increasing concern over his health, his fitness and his business deals.

**SPAIN:** Barcelona sweeper Ronald Koeman says it is time for Holland to switch to a more attacking style for the European championship. Holland begin their campaign the following week against Portugal.

**SWITZERLAND:** Former international Laurent Jaccard is jailed for four years after admitting more than 40 robberies to raise money to buy drugs. Jaccard became addicted after injury ended his career five years ago ... Lausanne are held 3-3 at home by Luzern so their lead over Sion (2-1 winners against Servette) is pegged back to two points.

**UNITED STATES:** Yet another Los Angeles lawyer, Chuck Cale, is appointed as chief executive officer of the Americans' World Cup'94 organising committee. new USSF president Alan Rothenberg takes over a joint role as chairman of the committee.

**WEST GERMANY:** National boss Verti Vogts says he is in favour of larger goals to facilitate goal-scoring.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

**ARGENTINA:** Alfio Basile is appointed new national manager in succession to Carlos Bilardo. Basile parted company with Velez Sarsfield at the end of last year.

**BELGIUM:** Waregem are crushed 5-1 at home by Antwerp.

**BRAZIL:** Bragantino and Corinthians, the top two teams in group A of the national championship's second round, draw 2-2. Corinthians thus maintain a two-point lead over their rivals.

**FRANCE:** Eight officials of Toulon are questioned after being arrested the previous day in a fraud inquiry. They include president Alain Asse and general manager Roland Courbis. Toulon, an estimated $8million in debt, are 18th in the 20-club first division ... Philippe Vercruysse is the latest casualty to pull out on Michel Platini. Franck Silvestre is recalled for the first time in two years to take his place.

**HOLLAND:** National manager Rinus Michels calls up uncapped Ajax defender Marciano Vink for the European qualifier against Porto. He replaces Ronald Koeman, who is dropped for criticising Michels's tactics in the friendly against Italy. Squad: Van Breukelen, Hiele; Van Tiggelen, Valckx, Rutjes, Vink, Frank De Boer, Blind; Winter, Vanenburg, Richard Witschge, Bergkamp; Van't Schip, Gullit, Van Basten, Gillhaus.

**SWITZERLAND:** Former national skipper Andre Egli, who quit international soccer three years ago, is recalled for the European qualifier against Scotland. He accepts a comeback because of injuries which have ruled out Hottiger and Koller. Squad: Huber, Walker; Egli, Geiger, Heldmann, Herr, Schepull, Bickel, Hermann, Piffaretti, A Sutter, Bonvin, Chapuisat, Knup, B Sutter, Turyilmaz.

**UNITED STATES:** CONCACAF general secretary Chuck Blazer says it has been decided to organise a North and Central American championship (on the lines of the European championship) every two years. Two groups of four teams will play three first-round games and the top two teams in each group go on to the semi-finals. Two teams will qualify from each of CONCACAF's three regions.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

**ENGLAND:** Swindon manager Ossie Ardiles signs Argentine World Cup defender Nestor Lorenzo on trial for a month. Lorenzo, surplus to requirements with Italy's Bari, was forced by injury to cut short a trial with Nottingham Forest.

**ITALY:** Napoli issue an official statement that Diego Maradona will be back from Argentina in time for Sunday's game. But the sports media speculates that Maradona, with his fitness and business concerns, is also worried by an ongoing paternity case and will not return to Italy for at least two months ...
Italy manager Azeglio Vicini calls up Juventus' Pierluigi Casiraghi to replace axed Roberto Mancini for the European qualifier against Hungary ... Genoa police chief Attilio Musca apologises for the over-zealous action of riot police at the midweek European Supercup game between Sampdoria and Milan in which 14 Sampdoria fans and 12 policemen were slightly hurt during second half clashes.

**SPAIN:** Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff criticises former mentor Michels for dropping his defender Ronald Koeman for Holland's European qualifier against Portugal. Cruyff says: "Koeman has never created any problems. He's one of the most loyal men in the team. Van Basten was much more outspoken before the World Cup but he was not punished in this way."

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA's disciplinary commission begin to mop up the debris from the first round of the European club competitions. Ferencvaros are ordered to play their UEFA Cup-tie against Brondby behind closed doors following firework and missile-throwing at the game against Antwerp; Ferencvaros and Antwerp are both fined; Grasshoppers are banned from their home stadium from one game for missile and firework-throwing at the Red Star Belgrade match; Red Star are fined for fan misbehaviour.
Atalanta, Dinamo Zagreb and Sparta Prague are all fined for flare-firing fans.

**UNITED STATES:** The World Cup'94 organising committee extends from December until next May the deadline for applications for hosting rights to the finals. Committee president Scott LeTellier says 32 communities have so far shown an interest.

**WEST GERMANY:** Bayer Uerdingen decide, after all, not to buy Lazio's out-of-work Argentine World Cup forward, Pedro Troglio.
Lazio, who field West Germany's Karlheinz Riedle and Uruguayan Ruben Sosa, have kept their third imports place open for the anticipated arrival of Ruben Pereira from Danubio of Montevideo.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

**ACTION:** France beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in the European championship ... in Austria Tirol and Rapid both win to stay joint top. FK Austria slip back one point after being held 1-1 by Wiener Sportclub ... Hans Rostock maintain their leadership in East Germany thanks to a 1-1 draw away to Rot-Weiss Erfurt ... new signing Oleg Kuznetsov stars on his debut for Glasgow Rangers, a 5-0 victory over St Mirren ... in Spain Barcelona's bid to beat a club record of six successive victories from the start of the season (set in 1929-30) fails as they are held goalless by Osasuna ... in West Germany Bayern Munich crash 4-0 to Koln and have both Mihjalovic and Bender sent off. Koln's Gielchen was also sent off by referee Wolf-Rudiger Umbach.

**ENGLAND:** The Football League decides to ask the FA to bid for England to host the 1998 World Cup finals.

**ITALY:** In the doping disciplinary case, Roma's Andrea Carnevale and Angelo Peruzzi are suspended for a year each. The suspensions are lifted pending appeal.

**NORWAY:** National manager Ingvar Stadheim resigns in the wake of more criticisms since the goalless draw with Hungary in midweek.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

**ACTION:** Brondby secure their fourth Danish title when they beat KB 1-0 to gain a winning margin, still with four games remaining ... in the only game in Holland, Volendam lose 2-0 at home to Den Haag ... Honved beat Tatabanya 1-0 to edge one point clear at the top in Hungary ... in Spain there are jeers from the fans and renewed pressure on coach John Toshack after Real Madrid are held goalless at home by Logrones. The experiment of using Burtragueno in midfield is not a success ... in the day's single first division game in West Germany, the relegation tussle ends with a 1-0 victory for Hamburg over Hertha Berlin ...
Yugoslavia's big derby ends with Red Star beating Partizan 6-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

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**Tue 6 Nov, 10.00 am, Argentinian soccer.**
**Thu 8 Nov, 6.00 pm, Argentinian soccer.**
**9.00 pm, Two Spanish matches.**
**Fri 9 Nov, 4.00 pm, Argentinian soccer.**
**Tue 13 Nov, 10.00 am, Argentinian soccer.**
**Thu 15 Nov, 9.00 pm, Argentinian soccer.**
**Fri 16 Nov, 3.30 pm, Argentinian soccer.**
**Sun 18 Nov, 3.45 am, Argentinian soccer.**
**Mon 19 Nov, 7.30 pm, Spanish roundup.**
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| 30.05.90 Iceland v Albania | 2-0 |
| 05.09.90 Iceland v France | 1-2 |
| 26.09.90 Czechoslovakia v Iceland | 1-0 |
| 10.10.90 Spain v Iceland | 2-1 |
| 13.10.90 France v Czechoslovakia | 2-1 |
| 14.11.90 Czechoslovakia v Spain | |
| 17.11.90 Albania v France | |
| 19.12.90 Spain v Albania | |
| 20.02.91 France v Spain | |
| 30.03.91 France v Albania | |
| 01.05.91 Albania v Czechoslovakia | |
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| 13.11.91 Spain v Czechoslovakia | |
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| 18.12.91 Albania v Spain | |

### GROUP 2:
(Romania, Scotland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, San Marino).

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| 12.09.90 Switzerland v Bulgaria | 2-0 |
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| 17.10.90 Scotland v Switzerland | 2-1 |
| 14.11.90 Bulgaria v Scotland | |
| 14.11.90 San Marino v Switzerland | |
| 05.12.90 Romania v San Marino | |
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| 27.03.91 San Marino v Romania | |
| 03.04.91 Switzerland v Romania | |
| 01.05.91 Bulgaria v Switzerland | |
| 01.05.91 San Marino v Scotland | |
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| 05.06.91 Switzerland v San Marino | |
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| 13.11.91 Romania v Switzerland | |
| 20.11.91 Bulgaria v Romania | |

### GROUP 3:
(Italy, USSR, Hungary, Norway, Cyprus).

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| 12.09.90 USSR v Norway | 2-0 |
| 10.10.90 Norway v Hungary | 0-0 |
| 17.10.90 Hungary v Italy | 1-1 |
| 31.10.90 Hungary v Cyprus | |
| 03.11.90 Italy v USSR | |
| 14.11.90 Cyprus v Norway | |
| 22.12.90 Cyprus v Italy | |
| 03.04.91 Cyprus v Hungary | |
| 17.04.91 Hungary v USSR | |
| 01.05.91 Italy v Hungary | |
| 01.05.91 Norway v Cyprus | |
| 22/29.05.91 USSR v Cyprus | |
| 05.06.91 Norway v Italy | |
| 28.08.91 Norway v USSR | |
| 25.09.91 USSR v Hungary | |
| 12.10.91 USSR v Italy | |
| 30.10.91 Hungary v Norway | |
| 13.11.91 Italy v Norway | |
| 13.11.91 Cyprus v USSR | |
| 21.12.91 Italy v Cyprus | |

### GROUP 4:
(Yugoslavia, Denmark, Austria, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands).

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| 12.09.90 N.Ireland v Yugoslavia | 0-2 |
| 12.09.90 Faroe Islands v Austria | 1-0 |
| 10.10.90 Denmark v Faroe Islands | 4-1 |
| 17.10.90 N.Ireland v Denmark | 1-1 |
| 31.10.90 Yugoslavia v Austria | |
| 14.11.90 Denmark v Yugoslavia | |
| 14.11.90 Austria v N.Ireland | |
| 27.03.91 Yugoslavia v N.Ireland | |
| 01.05.91 Yugoslavia v Denmark | |
| 01.05.91 N.Ireland v Faroe Islands | |
| 14/15.5.91 Yugoslavia v Faroe Islands | |
| 22.05.91 Austria v Faroe Islands | |
| 05.06.91 Denmark v Austria | |
| 11.09.91 Faroe Islands v N.Ireland | |
| 25.09.91 Faroe Islands v Denmark | |
| 09.10.91 Austria v Denmark | |
| 16.10.91 Faroe Islands v Yugoslavia | |
| 16.10.91 N.Ireland v Austria | |
| 13.11.91 Denmark v N.Ireland | |
| 13.11.91 Austria v Yugoslavia | |

### GROUP 5:
(Germany, Belgium, Wales, Luxembourg).

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|---|---|
| 17.10.90 Wales v Belgium | 3-1 |
| 31.10.90 Luxembourg v Germany | |
| 14.11.90 Luxembourg v Wales | |
| 27.02.91 Belgium v Luxembourg | |
| 27.03.91 Belgium v Wales | |
| 01.05.91 Germany v Belgium | |
| 05.06.91 Wales v Germany | |
| 11.09.91 Luxembourg v Belgium | |
| 16.10.91 Germany v Wales | |
| 13.11.91 Wales v Luxembourg | |
| 20.11.91 Belgium v Germany | |
| 17.12.91 Germany v Luxembourg | |

### GROUP 6:
(Holland, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Malta).

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|---|---|
| 12.09.90 Finland v Portugal | 0-0 |
| 17.10.90 Portugal v Holland | 1-0 |
| 13.10.90 Greece v Malta | |
| 21.11.90 Holland v Greece | |
| 25.11.90 Malta v Finland | |
| 19/23.12.90 Malta v Holland | |
| 23.01.91 Greece v Portugal | |
| 09.02.91 Malta v Portugal | |
| 20.02.91 Portugal v Malta | |
| 13.03.91 Holland v Malta | |
| 17.04.91 Holland v Finland | |
| 16.05.91 Finland v Malta | |
| 05.06.91 Finland v Holland | |
| 11.09.91 Portugal v Finland | |
| 09.10.91 Finland v Greece | |
| 16.10.91 Holland v Portugal | |
| 30.10.91 Greece v Finland | |
| 20.11.91 Portugal v Greece | |
| 04.12.91 Greece v Holland | |
| 22.12.91 Malta v Greece | |

### GROUP 7:
(England, Republic of Ireland, Poland, Turkey).

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|---|---|
| 17.10.90 England v Poland | 2-0 |
| 17.10.90 Rep.of Ireland v Turkey | 5-0 |
| 14.11.90 Rep.of Ireland v England | |
| 14.11.90 Turkey v Poland | |
| 27.03.91 England v Rep.of Ireland | |
| 17.04.91 Poland v Turkey | |
| 01.05.91 Turkey v England | |
| 01.05.91 Rep.of Ireland v Poland | |
| 16.10.91 Poland v Rep.of Ireland | |
| 16.10.91 England v Turkey | |
| 13.11.91 Turkey v Rep.of Ireland | |
| 13.11.91 Poland v England | |

**INTER-AMERICAN CUP (between Libertadores Cup and CONCACAF champions Cup Winners)**
**July 25 = First leg in Medellin, Colombia.**
**NACIONAL (Colombia) 2** (Fajardo, Galeano)
**UNIV.AUT. de MEXICO 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 26,000.

**Nacional:** Higuita, Herrera, Perea, Cassiani, Gomez, Perez, Fajardo, Garcia, Didi Valderrama (Carmona), Galeano, Hernandez (Asprilla).

**Universidad Autonoma Mexico:** Bernal, Castillo, Ramirez, Espana, Suarez, Medina, Mishdrahi, Vera, Negrete, Garcia, Patino (Campos).

Nacional were much better and created more chances although their goals came late in the game (72 and 75 minutes). The Mexican team, known as UNAM, were rough at times, receiving two yellow cards, while Higuita did not have a direct shot to save.

**August 1 = Second leg in Mexico City, Mexico.**
**UNIV.AUT.de MEXICO 1** (Negrete pen.)
**NACIONAL (Colombia) 4** (Abraham o.g., Galeano, Arango 2)
**HT:** 0-1

**Univ.Aut.de Mexico:** Bernal, Castillo (Patino), Nava, Perales, Suarez, Mishdrahi (Garcia), Espana, Negrete, Vera, Campos, Garcia.

**Nacional:** Higuita, Herrera, Perea, Casiani, Gomez, G.Perez, F.Perez, Garcia, Fajardo (Carmona), Galeano, Hernandez (Arango).

Nacional were easily the better team again, the main difference being team work and Higuita's saves. Nacional won 6-1 aggregate.

**LIBERTADORES CUP (South American Club Championship)**
**Second round – first legs**
**August 4 = In San Cristobal, Venezuela.**
**PEPEGANGA (Venezuela) 0**
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 6** (Giusti, Insua, Lobo , Bianco (2), Osterrieth)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 10,000.

**Pepeganga:** Garcia, Carrero, Arroyo, Gomez, Marcano, Santana, Perez, Betancourt, Coll, Catro, Gonzalez.

**Independiente:** Pereira, Altamirano, Delgado,Lobo, Monzon, Morales, Gusti, Bianco, Osterrieth, Insua, Salaberry.

Independiente were completely on top of a team who appeared to be in poor physical shape and in a different class individually.

**August 5 = In Montevideo, Uruguay.**
**DEFENSOR SPORTING (Uruguay) 1** (Martinez)
**RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 2** (Corti, Berti)
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Barrientos (Paraguay). **Att:** 25,000.

**Defensor Sporting:** Tuja, Cabrerea, Rodriguez, Michelini, Gastan, Silva Cantera, Falero, Almada, Tejera, Martinez, Etcheverry.

**River Plate:** Miguel, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, Carlos Enrique, Corti, Zapata, Borrelli (Comizzo), Berti, Medina Bellow, Da Silva.

River Plate attacked more on a poor pitch, but did not function properly until the second half when Miguel fouled Martinez near the end, to stop him from scoring, and was sent off.

**August 8 = In Santiago, Chile.**
**UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA (Chile) 3** (Romero 2, Monardes)
**THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) 1** (Ortega)
**HT:** 3-0. **Ref:** Felix (Brazil).

**Universidad Catolica:** Cornez, Romero, Monardes, Soto, Perez, Paraguez, Estay, Contreras, Reinoso, Tupper, Barrera.

**The Strongest:** Aragon, Montano,Paredes, Illanes, Troncoso, Coronado, Villegas, Luna, Arce, Jimenez, Ortega.

Universidad dominated and could have won more easily, but slowed down after the interval.

**In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**
**VASCO DA GAMA (Brazil) 0**
**COLO COLO (Chile) 0**
**Ref:** Bava (Argentina).

**Vasco da Gama:** Cacio, Luis, Carlos Winck, Celio. Quinones, Cassio, Ze Do Carmo, William, Boiadeno (Sorato), Ita, Roberto, Bismarck (Anderson).

**Colo Colo:** Moron, Espinoza, Garrido, Vilches, Margas, Ormeno (Ramirez), Rizarro, Sergio Dias, Barticiotto, Dabrowski, Martinez (Pasten).

Vasco gave another disappointing performance that belied the quality of their players. A lot of midfield action and few chances on either side.

**In Guayaquil, Ecuador.**
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 2** (Izquierdo 2 – one pen.)
**PROGRESO (Uruguay) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Marin (Chile).

**Barcelona:** Morales, Izquierdo, Montanero, F.Bravo, Guzman, Proano (Maldonado), Saralegui, Trobbiani, Munoz (D.Bravo), Uquillas, Acosta.

**Progreso:** Rucco, Ramos, Machain, Pua, F.Silva, Acosta, Berger, V.Silva (Gomez), P. Silva (Perazza), Vecino, Miqueiro.

Barcelona could have won more easily, but their forwards missed chances with the second goal coming three minutes from the end. Progreso played over half the game with 10 men, Miguiro being sent off.

**In Lima, Peru.**
**UNION HUARAL (Peru) 1**
**EMELEC (Ecuador) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Antequera (Bolivia).

**Union Huaral:** E. Farfan, Puntriano, Ruiz, Ferrari, Cordero, Leon, Cabanillas (Paredes), Munoz, Aquirre, D.Farfan, Rey.

**Emelec:** Rodriguez, Carrion, Canga, Russo, Capurro, Dassa, Verduga (Castillo), Rhon, De Lima, Aviles, Cardenas.

A poor game produced a lot of friction. The best move led to the only goal 10 minutes from the end. Eight yellow cards – six for the Peruvians.

**August 9 = In Asuncion, Paraquay.**
**CERRO PORTENO (Paraguay) 0**
**NACIONAL (Colombia) 0**
**Ref:** Bazan (Uruguay). **Att:** 45,000.

**Cerro Porteno:** Fernandez, Barrios, Rivarola, Cristaldo, Jacquet, Garay, Riveros (Britez), Sotelo, Battaglia, Ferreira (Villagra), Sanabria.

**Nacional:** Higuita, Herrera, Perea, Casmiani, Gomez, R.Perez, F.Perez, Garcia, Fajardo (Restrepo), Galeano, Asprilla (Arango).

Higuita starred with excellent saves in a match marred by rough play. Garay and Garcia were sent off after 30 minutes.

**Second round – 2nd legs**
**August 12 = In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 2** (C.Enrique, Corti)
**DEFENSOR SPORTING (Uruguay) 1** (Gutierrez)
**HT:** 0-1. **Ref:** Imperatore (Chile). **Att:** 15,000.

**River Plate:** Comizzo, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, Gordillo (Batistuta), Zapata (Astrada), Corti, C. Enrique, Berti, Medina Bellow, Da Silva.

**Defensor Sporting:** Tuja, Cabrera, Rodriguez, Michelini, Gastan, Silva Cantera, Falero, Almada (Ferreri), Tejera, Martinez, Gutierrez. (River Plate qualify on 4-2 aggregate)

As in the first leg, River Plate took time to get going and Defensor Sporting took the lead after 34 minutes to keep the aggregate tied until 20 minutes from the end. River Plate gradually got on top to control the game and Corti – playing his last match before moving to Mexico – scored the winner 14 minutes from time.

**August 15 = In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 3** (Bianco, Insua, Osterrieth)
**PEPEGANGA (Venezuela) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Robles (Chile). **Att:** 4,000.

**Independiente:** Pereira, Altamirano, Monzon, Delgado, Giusti, Bianco, Insua, Lobo (C.Morales), Salaberry, Osterrieth (Munoz), Correa.

**Pepeganga:** Garcia, Montaner, Becerra, Casadiego, Maurera, Carrero (Vera), Marcano, Perez, Gomez (Coll), Santana, Betancourt. (Independiente qualify on 9-0 aggregate)

Independiente played at half pace for another easy victory against a team not in the same class.

**In Santiago, Chile.**
**COLO COLO (Chile) 3** (Espinoza 2, Barticciotto)
**VASCO DA GAMA (Brazil) 3** (Bismarck, Roberto, Williams)
**HT:** 2-0. **Ref:** Lamolina (Argentina), **Att:** 70,000.

**Colo Colo:** Moron, Espinoza, Garrido, Vilches, Margas, Ormeno (Ramirez), Pizarro, Diaz, Barticciotto, Dabrowski, Martinez (Pasten).

**Vasco da Gama:** Acacio, Luiz Carlos (Dede), Celio, Quinones, Cassio, Ze Do Carmo, William, Andrade (Anderson), Bismarck, Roberto Dinamita, Sorato. (Vasco da Gama qualify 5-4 on penalties after 3-3 aggregate)

Colo Colo led 2-0, Bismarck pulled one back right after the restart and Vasco pressed for the rest of the way. Accio was the hero in the shootout when he diverted the final shot – a very hard one from Espinoza – to put his team through.

**In La Paz, Bolivia.**
**THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) 1** (Illanes)
**UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA (Chile) 1** (Percudani)
**HT:** 0-0. **Ref:** Tejada (Peru). **Att:** 35,000.

**The Strongest:** Gariazu, Montano, Pareds, Martinez, Illanes, Coronado (Ramallo), Villegas, Luna, Ortega, Arce, Jimenez.

**Universidad Catolica:** Cornez, Romero, Monardes, Soto, Tupper (Percudani), Parraguez, Perez, Estay, Contreras, Reinos, Barrera (Del Solar). (Universidad Catolica qualify on 4-2 aggregate)

The Strongest, whose nervous players were shown four yellow cards, scored just on full time and Universidad equalised in time added on.

**In Guayaguil, Ecuador.**
**EMELEC (Ecuador) 2** (De Lima, Dassa)
**UNION HUARAL (Peru) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Ref:** Castro (Venezula).

**Emelec:** Rodriguez, Carrion (Minda), Russo, Canga, Capurro, Verduga, Dassa, Ron (Castillo), Cardenas, Aviles, De Lima.

**Union Huaral:** Herrera, Puntriano, Caseda, Ruiz, Ferrari, Cordero, Aguirre (Paredes), Munoz (Leon), Cabanillas, Farfan, Rey Munoz. (Emelec qualify on 2-1 aggregate)

Emelec pressed for most of the way, but only got their goals 20 minutes from the end. Cabanillas was sent off after 54 minutes.

**In Medellin, Colombia.**
**NACIONAL (Colombia) 1** (Hernandez)
**CERRO PORTENO (Paraguay) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Felix (Brazil). **Att:** 52,000.

**Cerro Porteno:** Fernandez, Barrios, Rivarola, Cristaldo, Jacquet, Riveros, Struway (Villagra), Sotelo, Battaglia, Ferreira, Sanabria.

**Nacional:** Higuita, Gomez, Perea, Cassiani, Herrera, Alvarez, F.Perez, Fajardo (Carmona), Galeano, Arango (Asprilla), Hernandez. (Nacional qualify on 1-0 aggregate)

Nacional scored after 24 minutes, but Cerro Porteno had the upper hand after the interval and Higuita again shone in keeping the win intact.

**In Montevideo, Uruguay.**
**PROGRESO (Uruguay) 2** (Machain, Ramos)
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 2** (Izuierdo, D.Bravo)
**HT:** 0-1. **Ref:** Maciel (Paraguay). **Att:** 1,500

**Progreso:** Rocco, Leonardo, Ramos, Machain, Pua, F.Silva, (Luis Ramos), Berger, Acosta, V.Silva, Perazza, Vecino (Miliche), P.Silva.

**Barcelona:** Morales, Montanero, F.Braqvo, Izquierdo, Guzman (Maldonado), Saralegui, Proano, Trobbiani, Munoz, Uquillas, Acosta (D.Bravo). (Barcelona quality on 4-2 aggregate)

In a close-marking, sometimes rough and intense match played under a constant drizzle, Progreso never looked like pulling back the first-leg deficit although they managed to lead for a short time in the second half.

**Quarterfinals – 1st legs**
**August 22 = In Asuncion, Paraguay.**
**OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 2** (Amarilla 2 – one pen.)
**UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA (Chile) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Ref:** Felix (Brazil. **Att:** 40,000.

**Olimpia:** Almeida, Mino, Fernandez, Ramirez, Suarex, Balbuena, Guasch, Monzon (Guirland), Gonzalez (Cubilla), Amarilla, Samaniego.

**Universidad Catolica:** Cornez, Romero, Monardes, Soto, Perez, Contreras (Del Solar), Estay, Parraguez, Reinosio, Tupper, Barrera (Percudani).

Olimpia, who had a bye in the second round due to the absence of Colombian teams, were well on top in the first half, but the Chileans evened up play in the second. Both goals came late, the first from a penalty when Cristobal Cubillas, son of club coach Luis Cubillas, was brought down, and the second in the final minute.

**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 2** (Berti, Serrizuela pen.)
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Ref:** Loustau (Argentina).

**River Plate:** Miguel, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, C.Enrique, G.Zapata, Astrada, Vazquez (H.Diaz), Berti, Medina Bello, Beltramo.

**Independiente:** Pereira, M. Morales, Monzon, Delgado, Altamirano, Bianco, Insua, Giusti, Salaberry, Osterrieth, Munoz. (Sub.C.for M.Morales).

Ramon Medina Bello had a hand in both goals, and young Jose Miguel, made some outstanding saves.

**In Guayaquil, Ecuador.**
**EMELEC (Ecuador) 0**
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0**
**Att:** 50,000.

The neighbours played a slow and often rough game, both trying to avoid defeat and doing little else.

**In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**
**VASCO DA GAMA (Brazil) 0**
**NACIONAL (Colombia) 0**
**Att:** 20,000

**Vasco da Gama:** Acacio, Luis Carlos Winck, Celio, Quinones, Cassio, Ze Do Carmo, Bismarck, William, Sorato, Roberto, Dinamita, (Tato), Anderson.

**Nacional:** Higuita, Herrera, Perrea, Cassiani (Carmona), Gomez, Perez, Alvarez, Garcia, Fajardo (Restrepo), Arango, Hernandez.

The Brazilians dominated territorially for almost the entire match, but yet again Higuita was unbeatable.

**(MAJOR CLUB MATCHES)**
**July 25 – Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 1 Progreso (Uruguay) 1; July 31 – Universidad Catolica (Chile) 3 River Plate (Argentina) 3 – Universidad won 7-6 on penalties; August 4 – Veracruz (Mexico) 2 Rosario Central (Argentina) 1; Deportivo Mandiyu (Argentina) 1 Bella Vista (Uruguay) 1; August 6 – Toluca (Mexico) 1 Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 0; August 9 – Universidad de Nuevo Leon (Mexico) 2 Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 2; August 12 – Irapuato (Mexico) 1 Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 3; Toluca (Mexico) 0 Rosario Central (Argentina) 0; August 15 – Guadalajara (Mexico) 1 Sao Paulo FC (Brazil) 1 – Sao Paulo won 5-4 on penalties; August 16 – Universidad de Nuevo Leon (Mexico) 1 Rosario Central (Argentina) 1; Ciudad Juarez (Mexico) 0 Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 0; August 19 – Cruz Azul (Mexico) 1 Rosario Central (Argentina) 0.**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**
**Aug 10: Thorshavn – intl friendly**
**Faroe Islands 2 Iceland 3**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**
**Aug 19 = Vienna – intl friendly**
**Austria 1** (Ogris 27)
**Switzerland 2** (Turkyilmaz 56, 62, Knup 78)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It)

**Austria:** Lindenberger (Konsel 46) – Pezzey (Schottel 42), Russ, Feiersimnger, Pfeffer – Keglevits (Baur 46), Reisinger, Hortnagl – Ogris, Stoger (Herzog 46), Hasenhuttel.

**Switzerland:** Walker (Brunner 46) – Geiger (Koller 46), Ottiger, Herr, Koller (Knup 46) – Colombo (Schepull 46), A Sutter (Piffaretti 46), Hermann – Bickel, Turkyilmaz (Baumann 87), Chapuisat (B Sutter 76).

This was more a free-for-all than a match. But after the disappointment of the World Cup the Austrians did expect something a little better from a recast team. The Austrians controlled the first half then relaxed after the interval. Once the lively Turyilmaz had struck twice Switzerland rarely looked like being caught as Austrian spirit again proved brittle.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**
**Aug 22 = Stavanger – intl friendly**
**Norway 1** (Ahlsen 3pen)
**Sweden 2** (Engqvist 41, Fjellstrom 75)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 10,065. **Ref:** Kim Nielsen (Den)

**Norway:** Thorstvedt – Bratseth, Halvorsen, Johnsen, Halle -Gulbrandsen, Ahlsen, Skammelsrud (Brerg 62), Bjornebye (Lydersen 46), Andersen, Fjortoft.

**Sweden:** Ravelli – Ljung, Erlingmark, Eriksson, Engqvist, Jansson (Vaatovaara 70), Gren, Rehn, Gren, Fjellstrom, Brolin 9Ekluh 86), Andersson.

Sweden, without Olle Nordin now at the helm, ended the dismal run which had followed their deceptively easy 6-0 win over Finland at the end of May. This was Norway's second successive 2-1 defeat.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**
**Aug 24 = Auckland – intl friendly**
**New Zealand 1** (Barclay 34)
**China 0**
**HT:** 1-0.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29**
**Aug 29 = Lisbon/Benfica – intl friendly**
**Portugal 1** (Rui Aguas 57)
**West Germany 1** (Matthaus 15)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It)

**Portugal:** Silvino – Veloso, Galo (Jose Carlos 46), Hernani, Venancio, Fonseca – Vitor Paneira, Andre, Semedo (Pacheco 80) – Rui Aguas, Cadete.

**W Germany:** Illgner – Berthold, Reuter, Kohler, Buchwald – Brehme, Matthaus (Binz 52), Moller, Bein (A Reinhardt 64) – Voller (Klinsmann 46), Riedle.

West Germany began their post-World Cup effort with a comparatively uneventful draw in the Estadio do Benfica. Greatest interest centred on the role the Germans' new manager handed Eintracht Frankfurt's Andy Moller. He had been a World Cup reserve but Vogts sees him as 'playmaker' for the European championship and the World Cup defence in 1994. Moller, in the event, had a quiet time of it.

**Aug 29 = Kuusankoski – intl friendly**
**Finland 1** (Jarvinen 39)
**Czechoslovakia 1** (Kuka 63)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 1,822. **Ref:** Mikkelsen (Den)

**Finland:** Huttunen – Europaeus, Remes (Paavola 75), Holmgren, Kanerva – Heikkinen, Jarvinen (Myyry 54), Litmanen, Tarkkio (Lipponen 80) – Rinne, Patelainen.

**Czechoslovakia:** Stejskal – Hipp, Stas, Tittel – Hasek, Bilek, Hyravy (Silhavy 83), K Kuka, J Nemec (Belak 53) – Sedlacek (Kuka 46), Skuhravy.

The Finns's new midfield starlet, Jarvinen of Kuusysi Lahti, not only ran their midfield but opened the scoring against the Czechs, for whom manager Milan Macala was making his debut on the bench after succeeding Josef Venglos. Macala provided no fewer than seven players with their debuts: Hipp, Stas and Tittel in defence, Sedlacek up front and substitutes Belak (more name confusion clearly on the way after Bielek and Bilek!), Silhavy and his Slavia team-mate Pavel Kuka. In the 63rd minute Kuka it was who scored the deserved Czech equaliser.

**Aug 29 = Moscow – intl friendly**
**Sov Union 1** (Mikhailichenko 71)
**Romania 2** (Lacatus 19pen, Lupescu 64)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Listkiewicz (Pol)

**Sov Union:** Yeremin – Kulikov, Cernishov, Dolgov, Kuznetsov (Shmarov 46), Mikhailichenko, Koncelskis, Protasov (Shalimov 46), Broshin (Kolivanov 59), Tatarchuk (Tishenko 75), Dobrovbolski.

**Romania:** Stelea – D Petrescu, Rednic, Sandoi, Klein – Rotariu, Lupescu, Mateut, I Dumitrescu (Badea 84) – Lacatus, Raducioiu.

Goals from Lacatus and Lupescu underlined that the Romanians' World Cup victory was no fluke. New Soviet boss Bishovets produced revolutionary changes in squad and team to little immediate effect. An excellent start for new Romanian manager Gheorghe Constantin.

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1/2**
**Freetown – African Nations' qual, Gp 1**
**Sierra Leone 1** (Brimah 25)
**Cameroon 1** (Belle-Belle 50)
**HT:** 1-0.

**Bamako – African Nations' qual, Gp 1**
**Mali 1** (Diallo 40)
**Guinea 1** (Yansane 70)
**HT:** 1-0.

**Fort Lamy – African Nations' qual, Gp 2**
**Chad 0**
**Egypt 0**
**Att:** 15,000.

**Casablanca – African Nations' qual, Gp 3**
**Morocco 4** (Nader 9, Bouderbala 40, Raghib 44, Laghrissi 63)
**Mauritania 0**
**HT:** 3-0.

**Accra – African Nations' qual, Gp 4**
**Ghana 1** (Kwame Saara Mansah 33)
**Nigeria 0**
**HT:** 1-0.

**Mogadishu – African Nations' qual, Gp 4**
**Burkino Faso 2** (Alexis Liboudo 49, Fofana 60)
**Togo 0**
**HT:** 0-0.

**Mbabane – African Nations' qual, Gp 5**
**Swaziland 1**
**Angola 1**
**Att:** 8,000.

**Port Louis – African Nations' qual, Gp 6**
Mauritius beaten on a 2-0 walkover by Sudan

**Maputo – African Nations' qual, Gp 6**
**Mozambique 2** (Nico 55, Nando 65)
**Kenya 1** (Mutua 51)
**HT:** 0-0.

**Kinshasa – African Nations' qual, Gp 7**
**Congo 2** (Makita 55, MNdomba 86)
**Zimbabwe 0**
**HT:** 0-0.

**Mahe – African Nations' qual, Gp 7**
Seychelles beaten on a 2-0 walkover by Malawi

**Das es Salaam – African Nations' qual, Gp 8**
**Tanzania 0**
**Gabon 0**
**Att:** 4,000.

**Kampala – African Nations' qual, Gp 1**
**Uganda 2** (Senoga 8, Musisi 62)
**Zaire 1** (Kabongo 18)
**HT:** 1-1.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**
**Sep 5 = Reykjavik – EC gp 1**
**Iceland 1** (Edvaldsson 84)
**France 2** (Papin 12, Cantona 73)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Syme (Scot)

**Iceland:** Sigurdsson – Thrainsson, Edvaldsson, Bergsson, Saevar Jonsson – Orlygsson (Margeirsson 63), Gretarsson, Thordarsson, Ormslev (Kristinsson 63) – Gudjohnsen, Petursson.

**France:** Martini – Amoros, Boli, Sauzee, Casoni – Blanc (Durand 75), Pardo, Deschamps, Perez – Papin, Cantona (Fernandez 83).

Marseille strikers Papin and Cantona scored the decisive goals as the 1984 European champions launched the campaign to regain their crown. France were now unbeaten in 10 games. It took them only ten minutes to go ahead with Papin converting a pass from Perez after a weak goalkick from Sigurdsson. Papin helped create the second French goal – heaing on a Perez corner for Cantona to head home while on his hands and knees. Iceland appealed in vain, that he handled. Iceland fought hard in the closing minutes and veteran captain Atli Edvaldsson backheeled a consolation goal after a corner. Other chances were few and far between. Sigurdsson dived to save from Perez in the 35th minute whiule Martini, at the other end, saved well from Edvaldsson. Petur Petursson saw another effort cleared off the line and Gudjohnsen hit a post in the 52nd minute.

**Sep 5 = Patras – intl friendly**
**Greece 2** (Dimitriadis 48)
**Albania 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. Ref: Vucaras (Gr)

**Greece:** Papadopulos (Pltsis 46) – Aspostolakis, J Papadopulos (Vakalopulos 46), Manolas, Katzakis (Kurbana 57), Tsaluhidis (D Papadopulos 46), Saravakis, Marangos, Tsiritakis (Agorayanis 57).

**Albania:** Shkurti – Hodja (berberi 60), Taho, Ibro, Shulku, Memushi, Pano, Zmijani, Ferko (Tahiri 22), Kushta (Suka 42), Kacaci.

Greece won a low-key match thanks to a goal just after half-time from Vasilis Dimitriadis, created by Spyros Marangos. Albania felt luck deserted them after hitting the post in only the 11th minute.

**Sep 5 = Budapest/Ujpest – intl friendly**
**Hungary 4** (K Kovacs 3, Kozma 5, Kiprich 8 and 75pen)
**Turkey 1** (Tanju 54)
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Listkiewicz (Pol)

**Hungary:** Petry – Monos, Aczel, Szalma (Keller 46), Limperger, Garaba, Kiprich, Bucs (Eszenyi 80), Kozma (Urbanyi 67), Maroszan (Petres 60), K Kovacs.

**Turkey:** Engin – Yusuf (Savas 80), Gokhan, Hasan, Riza, Mustafa, Oguz (Umit 75), Metin, Turkay, Hakan (Mehmet 46), Tanju.

Foreign-based players scored all Hungary's goals as they prepared for their Wembley visit to face England and for the European qualifiers. England manager Graham Taylor was in the Ujpest stadium to watch the match. Hungary pulled holes on the right of Turkey's defence and were two-up in eight minutes through Dunfermline's Kozma and Feyenoord's Kiprich. Turkey might have pulled one back in the 44th minute but Tanju clipped the bar with his penalty after he had been pushed over by veteran Hungarian captain Imre Garaba. Tanju did score, with a headrer, ten minutes after half-time. But Hungary pulled themselves together and Kiprich rolled home a decisive penalty of his own after being brought down by Engin and Hasan.

**Sep 5 = Vasteras – intl friendly**
**Sweden 0**
**Denmark 1** (Bent Christensen 85)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 9,034.

**Sweden:** Lars Eriksson – Jan Eriksson, Vonderburg, Hysen, R Nilsson (Engqvist 46) – Thern, Rehn, Ulrik Jansson (Vaatovaara 85), S Schwarz, Kennet Andersson (Eklund 74), Pettersson.

**Denmark:** Schmeichel – Risom (John Larsen 60), Sivebaek, Lars Olsen, Rieder, Heintze, J Olsen, Vilfort, Friis-Hansen (Bordinggaard 46), Molnar (Lyng 60), Bent Christensen.

Christensen scored five minutes from time to plunge Sweden back into the post-World Cup gloom. The goal followed some sloppy defending and was Christensen's first in seven internationals. Sweden, thrashed 6-0 by the Danes a year earlier in Copenhagen, deserved a goal but wasted what openings they created. Andersson shot wide in the 15th minute then a shot from Ulrik Jansson was unluckily deflected to safety off the legs of Schmeichel. Denmark's new manager, Richard Moller-Nielsenm, provided a recall for Jesper Olsen after a two-year absence.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
**Sep 11 = Copenhagen – intl friendly**
**Denmark 1** (Brian Laudrup 64)
**Wales 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,700. **Ref:** Palsi (Fin)

**Denmark:** Schmeichel – Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, J Larsen, H Andersen, Vilfort, Bartram (J Olsen 75), Povlsen, Christensen (J Molby 46), B Laudrup.

**Wales:** Southall – Phillips, Bodin, Aizlewood, Young, Ratcliffe, Saunders, Horne, Rush, Hughes, Speed (P Nicholas 70).

Denmark deserved their victory, but their goal owed everything to a misjudgment by Wales sweeper Kevin Ratcliffe. He mistimed his attempt to turn a long through ball from Henrik Andersen into a back pass and Brian Laudrup ran through to score. One minute later Wales might have equalised but Ian Rush saw his shot brilliantly saved by keeper Schmeichel. Wales made few other chances, with their Rush/Saunders strike force being effectively policed by the Danish defence. Mark Hughes, in an unfamiliar midfield role, worked hard but made little impression. For Denmark, Liverpool's Jan Molby brought more direction to their attack with his arrival as a second-half substitute. Molby himself also went close with two free kicks and was generously praised by Bayern Munich's Brian Laudrup after the game. Laudrup said: "He is good at creating chances – we must keep him in the team."

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Sep 12 = Glasgow/Hampden – EC gp 2**
**Scotland 2** (John Robertson 37, Ally McCoist 75)
**Romania 1** (Rodion Camataru 13)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 12,801. **Ref:** Urizar Azpitarte (Sp)

**Scotland:** Goram – McKimmie, Malpas, McAllister (Nevin 73), Irvine, McLeish, Robertson, McStay, McCoist, MacLeod, Connor (Boyd 59).

**Romania:** Lung – D Petrescu, Klein, Sandoi, Rotariu, Popescu, Lacatus, Mateut (Sabau 79), Camataru (Raducioiu 62), Hagi, Lupescu.

A depressingly small crowd saw a makeshift Scotland team hit back with energy and spirit to open their European championship account against an ominously well-drilled Romanian side. Romania went ahead after only 13 minutes when veteran centre-forward Rodion Camataru pushed home an angled cross from Marius Lacatus. Scotland claimed offside in vain and this may well

# INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Gulbrandsen, John Ivar Jacobsen, A Andersen, Fjortoft (Dahlum 66).

The Soviet Union, runners-up in the last European championship in 1988, opened their new campaign with a positive performance which would have pleased new manager Anatoly Bishovets. He had thrown out most of the World Cup old guard and was rewarded after only 22 minutes with Andrei Koncheltskis shooting the Soviets ahead after an Oleg Protesov drive rebounded off a post. One of the few Italia '90 survivors, centre back Oleg Kuznetsov, headed the decisive second goal from a cross by Igor Dobrovolski. Norway coach Ingvar Stadheim had planned a defensive style which his players maintained even after going 2-0 down. For Bishovets victory was a relief after the disappointing 2-1 home defeat in Moscow by Romania which began his reign.

**Sep 12 = Belfast – EC gp 4**
**N Ireland 0**
**Yugoslavia 2** (Darko Pancev 37, Robert Prosinecki 89)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Ulenberg (Hol)

**N Ireland:** Kee – Taggart, McDonald, Donaghy, Worthington, D Wilson, Rogan, Dennison (Clarke 66), K Black, K Wilson, Dowie.

**Yugoslavia:** Ivkovic – Vulic, Spasic, Jozic, Hadzibegic, Najdoski, Prosinecki, Savicevic, Pancev (Petrovic 87), Stojkovic, Binic.

Dragan Stojkovic, doubtful on the eve of the match because of a knee injury picked up in training, set up both goals as Yugoslavia took control from start to finish. In the 37th minute Stojkovic broke down the left, outwitted Worthington and then crossed for Pancev to score. Pancev again and Savicevic had further good chances early in the second time but each time they were thwarted by the new young Wales goalkeeper, Paul Kee freedom from Oxford. Finally, in the last minute, Yugoslavia struck again. With the Irish hopelessly committed to attack, Robert Prosinecki scored easily after Stojkovic sent Savicevic clear.

**Sep 12 = Landskrone (Swe) – EC gp 4**
**Faroe Islands 1** (Torkil Nielsen 63)
**Austria 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 1,265. **Ref:** Nervik (Nor)

**Faroes:** Knudsen – Jakobsen, Tummas Eli Hansen, Danielsen, Julian Hansen, Morkore, Nielsen, Dam, Abraham Hansen, Reynheim, Morkore.

**Austria:** Konsel – Russ, Pecl, Hartmann, Streiter, Peischl, Rodax, Linzmaier, Polster, Herzog (Pacult 63), Reisinger (Willfurth 63).

Probably the greatest upset in the history of the European championship. The Faroes had never played an official competitive game and their modest, stated, ambition was to become "as good as Finland or Luxembourg" in between five and seven years. Austria made little secret of the fact that they expected to score five or six goals. But the Austrians' multi-million strike force of Polster and Rodax failed to breach the spirited Faroes defence or upset keeper Jens Martin Knudsen in his strange knitted bonnet. Knudsen made four fine saves and then, after 63 minutes, Torkil Nielsen strode through the heart of the Austrian defence to strike a left-foot shot low past Michael Konsel. Austria manager Josef Hickersberger held his head in his hands and probably wondered why he had not quit, as he originally intended, immediately after the World Cup finals. Hickersberger said later: "We have just seen a world sensation. I can't explain it." The Faroes' Icelandic manager, Pall Gudlaugsson, said: "My boys live on barren islands in the middle of the Atlantic. They're used to hard work and they have to fight for their living. That was the spirit which worked for us tonight." The match was played in Sweden because there are no grass pitches in the Faroes.

**Sep 12 = Helsinki – EC gp 6**
**Finland 0**
**Portugal 0**
**Att:** 10,240. **Ref: Marko (Cz)**

**Finland:** Huttunen – Europeus, Holmgrenn, Heikkinen, Petaja, Rinne, Hjelm, Litmanen, Patelainen, Tarkkio (Paavola 73), Jervinen (Muuru 86).

**Portugal:** Silvino – Venancio, Veloso, Jorge Ferreira, Fonseca (Pacheco 67), Andre, Jaime Pacheco, Joao Pinto, Rui Barros, Rui Aguas (Cadete 46), Vitor Paneira.

Nearly another upset as Finland had the better of matters against a Portuguese side badly missing the attacking sparkle of injured Atletico Madrid forward Paolo Futre. Not only that, but the Finns were disappointed: they hasd the chance to win. Manager Jukka Vakkila said: "Since we had five or six chances and they had none I can't be satisfied with the result." The man of the match was Finland's 19-year-old midfield general Jari Litmanen who opened the way to goal for both Patelainen and Tarkkio only to see the Portugal goal somehow survive intact.

**Sep 12 = Brussels/Anderlecht – intl friendly**
**Belgium 0**
**East Germany 2** (Matthias Sammer 73 and 90)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)

**Belgium:** Preud'homme – Staelens, Demol (Albert 46), Plovie, De Wolf, Broeckaert, Scifo (Degryse 46), Van der Elst, Ceulemans (Wilmots 46), Bruno Versavel (Boffin 68), Vandenbergh.

**E Germany:** Schmidt (Adler 89) – Peschke, Schwanke, Scholz (Kracht 86), Wagenhaus, Schossler, Stubner (Boger 25), Sammer, Wosz, Rossler, Rohrich.

The match was probably more significant for East German midfielder Matthias Sammer than anyone else. His two goals enhanced his claim for a place in the post-unification Germany line-up once East Germany have disappeared from the international scene later this year. Belgium were pre-match favourites to win and win fairly comfortably after no fewer than nine players pulled out of the original East German squad. Belgium also had the better of the first half with Enzo Scifo unlucky to see a 30-yard drive smack against a post. Introducing four substitutes in the second half only confused Belgium and it was no surprise when Sammer – who now plays for Stuttgart – twice broke away to record East Germany's 500th and 501st goals in senior international soccer.

**Sep 12 = Wembley – intl friendly**
**England 1** (Gary Lineker 44)
**Hungary 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 51,459. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)

**England:** Woods – Dixon, Parker, Wright, Walker, Pearce (Dorigo 46), Platt, gascoigne, Barnes, Bull (Waddle 73), Lineker.

**Hungary:** Petry – Monos (Simon 67), L Dizstl, Keller, Limperger, Garaba (Aczel 72), Kozma, Bucs (Balog 79), Gregor, Berczy, K Kovacs.

England began Graham Taylor's managerial reign with a victory whose margin failed to reflect the superiority of the new manager's push-and-run style. England looked, even allowing for the pressure of the occasion, much quicker and intent than under Bobby Robson where performances tended to appear laboured even at the best times. Lineker seized on his goal, to celebrate his accession to the England captaincy, just on half-time when Hungary claimed offside in vain. Hungary goalkeeper Zsolt Petry was also forced into action by Steve Bull and a Mark Wright header while Chris Waddle shot into the side net. Hungary had to little by way of attacking retaliation, clearly missing absentees Josef Kiprich and Lajos Detari.

**Sep 12 = Dublin/Dalymount Pk – intl friendly**
**Rep Ireland 1** (David Kelly 74)
**Morocco 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 19,450. **Ref:** McKnight (NI)

**Rep Ireland:** Bonner – Irwin, McCarthy, O'Leary, Staunton, Houghton, Whelan, Townsend (Sheridan 65), M Kelly (McLoughlin 70), D Kelly, Quinn (Cascarino 60).

**Morocco:** Brazi – Benabicha, Naybat, Mousheen, Jbilou (Tahar 77), Raghib, El Ghrissi, Majid, Daoudi, Khairi, Nader.

David Kelly brought the Republic into life 16 minutes from the end with a goal which ensured they stretch their unbeaten home run to 21 games in a row. The winning goal was Kelly's fifth in seven games. The nearest Morocco came was when David O'Leary chipped a back pass over keeper Bonner and again the bar.

**Sep 12 = Gijon – intl friendly**
**Spain 3** (Carlos 9, Fernando 63, Michel 89)
**Brazil 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 21,500. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

**Spain:** Zubizarreta (Ablanedo 74) – Nando, Serna, Rafa Paz (Bango 46), Sanchis, Roberto (Alkorta 65), Carlos (Eloy 72), Michel, Butragueno (Manolo 46), Fernando, Goicoechea.

**Brazil:** Veloso – Gil Baiano, Paulao, Marcio Santos, Moacir, Nelsinho, Cafu (Paulo Egidio 74), Donizete, Charles (Jorginho 74), Neto, Nilson.

Brazil's new manager, Falcao, brought a totally new team over for this friendly and Spain took advantage to beat Brazil for the first time in 56 years. Oviedo forward Carlos, a late arrival on the international scene at the age of 29, scored the opening goal with a diving header to a Michel cross. Fernando, who had helped create the chance, scored the second goal himself, with Michel again the creator. In the last minute came Spain's third goal – Michel himself bringing down a pass from Manolo and shooting how inside Veloso's left-hand press.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**
**Sep 15 = High Point – intl friendly**
**United States 3** (Vermes 15, Murray 29, Eichmann 46)
**Trinidad and Tobago 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 11,361. **Ref:** Cummings

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
**Sep 26 = Kosice – EC gp 1**
**Czechoslovakia 1** (Danek 43)
**Iceland 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Todor Kolev (Bul)

**Czechoslovakia:** Stejskal – Kadlec, Kocian, Hipp, Hasek, Bilek (Weiss 67), Kubik, Kula, Moravcik, Skuhravy, Danek.

**Iceland:** Sigurdsson – Thrainsson, Bergsson, Edvaldsson, Saevar Jonsson, R Kristinsson (K Jonsson 61), Gretarsson, Thordarsson, Siggi Jonsson, Gudjohnsen, Margeirsson (Ormslev 76).

Vaclav Danek, top scorer in Austria with 14 goals at this stage of the season for FC Tirol, came to Czechoslovakia's rescue. Danek had been overlooked for the World Cup by Josef Venglos but was recalled by new boss Milan Macala. He provided a fine diving header just before half-time to convert a cross from Lubomir Moravcik. The Czechs might have taken an earlier lead but for some good saves by Bjarni Sigurdsson – who had only just recovered from knee trouble – from Tomas Skuhravy, Michal Bilek (twice) and Danek. When Danek did eventually get the ball in the net it was his sixth goal in 17 internationals.

**Sep 26 = Palermo – intl friendly**
**Italy 1** (Baggio 44)
**Holland 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 32,500. **Ref:** Petrovic (Yug)

**Italy:** Zenga (Tacconi 46) – Bergomi, Maldini, Baresi, Ferri (Vierchowod 21), De Agostini, Donadoni (Mancini 60), De Napoli (Crippa 46), Schillaci, Marocchi, Baggio.

**Holland:** Van Breukelen – Blind, Valckx, R Koeman (Rutjes 60), De Boer (Bergkamp 75), Wouters (Fraser 80), Witschge, Winter, Van Basten, Gullit, Gillhaus (Vanenburg 60).

A goal from Roberto Baggio which underlined his current status as the world's costliest player (at £8million) decided this friendly between two nations for whom the World Cup ended in disappointment. Italy manager Azeglio Vicini – a leg in plaster after falling from a balcony at home – left out Roma's below-form Giannini while Holland's 'new' boss, Rinus Michels, started with newcomers Valckx (replacing the internationally retired Rijkaard) and De Boer. Italy deserved their victory, provided by a goal which Baggio scored after outwitting three Dutchmen to convert a pass from Franco Baresi. Baggio might have scored earlier, in the 20th minute, but Valckx blocked his shot. Striking partner Salvatore Schillaci went close in the 49th minute, his shot rebounding off a post in front of his home-town crowd. In the closing stages Italy relaxed and were given some anxious moments by Marco Van Basten and Gerald Vanenburg. Van Basten got the ball in the net in the 70th minute but the 'goal' was disallowed for hands against the Milan striker.

**Sep 26 = Bucharest/Steaua – intl friendly**
**Romania 2** (Ovidiu Lazar 38, Iosif Rotariu 72)
**Poland 1** (Robert Warzycha 81)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Matusyk (Pol)

**Romania:** Stelea – Petrescu, Klein, Andone, Rotariu, Iovan, Lacatus, Sabau, Lazar, Popescu (Rednic 68), Mateut (Dumitrescu 57).

**Poland:** Bako (Wandzik 46) – Kubicki, Jakolcewicz (Jegor 75), Czachowski, R Warzycha, Kaczmarek, Tarasiewicz, K Warzycha, Furtok (Moskal 83), Kosecki, Ziober.

Poland, England's prospective European qualifying opponents, were disappointed to follow up their August draw in France with this defeat. But they were always second best to a more determined Romanian side. Butterfingers goalkeeper Bako was again at fault – this time dropping a Lacatus cross-shot so Ovidiu Lazar could mark his first international with a goal. Romania were worth Rotariu's extension of their lead in the 72nd minute and Poland hardly deserved their late consolation from Robert Warzycha. The match was preceded by an angry war of words between the Dutch club, Feyenoord, and the Romanian sports ministry. Feyenoord claimed the sports ministry had been placing threatening phone calls to their new midfielder Ioan Sabau as part of a dispute over the transfer fee being paid to Dinamo Bucharest.

**Sep 26 = Stockholm – intl friendly**
**Sweden 2** (Dan Corneliusson 65, Kennet Andersson 72)
**Bulgaria 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 6,954. **Ref:** Damgaard (Den)

**Sweden:** T Ravelli – Jan Eriksson, Peter Larsson, Ljung, Gren (Vaatovaara 68), Ulrik Jansson (Erlingmark 65), Rehn, Schwarz (Corneliusson 46), Joakim Nilsson, Limpar, Kennet Andersson (Patrik Andersson 83).

**Bulgaria:** Valov – Jelev, Dochev, Markov, Ivanov, Jankov, Genchev (Valkov 68), Yanchev, Lechkov (Plamen Petkov 53), Todorov (G Dimitrov 83), Balakov.

Dan Corneliusson scored his first international goal in three years after appearing as substitute to lead Sweden to victory. The 1992 European championship hosts were as unimpressive as Bulgaria in the first half. But in the second half they began to take charge, particularly after striker Corneliusson replaced midfielder Schwarz. Fellow striker Kennet Andersson created Corneliusson's goal then added a second himself – heading in a cross from Arsenal's Anders Limpar. Bulgaria manager Ivan Vutsov included only one of his exiles – defender Naska Jelev from Saarbrucken in West Germany.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**
**Oct 9 = Moscow – intl friendly**
**Soviet Union 3** (Yuran 6, 80, Litovchenko 21)
**Israel 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG)

**Sov Union:** Cherkhasov (Yeremin 68) – Dimitriev, Tsveiba, Gelamin, Oganesian (Sarkisian 46), Kuznetsov, Ivanauskas, Litovchenko, Kiaski (Tsaminski 46), Tatarchuk, Yuran.

**Israel:** Assaiad – Aharoni, Amar, Balbul, Kozashvili, Klinger, Banin (Cohen 79), Davidi, Atar, Malmilian, Levin (Mizrahi 60).

The Soviet Union won a match played in a near-deserted Olympic/Lenin/Luzhniki stadium. A group of about 30 Palestinians waved scarves on one side of the ground, shouting abuse at about 50 Israeli fans on the opposite side. The Soviets took an early lead through rising star Sergei Yuran and increased it through experienced midfielder Gennadi Litovchenko. Yuran made it 3-0 with ten minutes remaining. The match was part of the gradual normalising of relations between the two counties.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10**
**Oct 10 = Seville/Benito Villamarin – EC gp 1**
**Spain 2** (Butragueno 44, Carlos 64)
**Iceland 1** (Sigurdur Jonsson 56)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Mintoff (Mal)

**Spain:** Zubizarreta – Nando, Serna, Rafa Paz (Beguiristain 52), Sanchis, Fernando, Goicoechea, Michel, Butragueno, Martin Vazquez, Carlos (Valverde 71).

**Iceland:** Sigurdsson – Thrainsson, Edvaldsson, Kristjan Jonsson (Gregory 80), Gretarsson, Saevar Jonsson, Bergsson, Sigurdur Jonsson (Ormslev 72), Gudjohnsen, Thordarsson, Margeirsson.

Spain struggled to make their technical and possessional domination tell against an Iceland side who pulled nine men back into defence. Skipper Emilio Butragueno headed Spain in front just before half-time in what was his 55th international. The cross was supplied by Juan Goicoechea. In the 64th minute Oviedo's Carlos made it 2-0 after a move between Fernando and Butragueno. Almost immediately, Iceland grabbed a goal of their own through Sigi Jonsson. The Arsenal midfielder nipped in to take advantage of lackadaisical work over a back pass from Manuel Sanchis towards Zubizarreta. Spain manager Luis Suarez was furious. He had instructed his men to attack down the wings – instead they bludgeoned away at the overcrowded centre of the Icelandic defence.

**Oct 10 = Bergen – EC gp 3**
**Norway 0**
**Hungary 0**
**Att:** 6,304. **Ref:** Spillane (RI)

**Norway:** Thorstvedt – Halle, T Pedersen,, Bratseth, Lydersen, E Pedersen, Ahlsen, Brandhaug, Jakobsen (Andersen 72), Sorloth, Fjortoft (Dalheim 78).

**Hungary:** Petry – Monos, Pinter, Szalma, E Kovacs, Limperger, Kiprich (Fodor 79), Kozma, Bognar, Lorincz, K Kovacs (Urbanyi 89).

Norway were disappointed at letting Hungary off the hook. Manager Ingvar Stadheim said afterwards: "We should have scored at least three times." Norway dominated most of the match but were repeatedly foiled by their own poor finishing or the reflexes of Hungary goalkeeper Zsolt Petry. In particular he made three superb saves from Egil Ahlsen, Erik Pedersen and Rune Bratseth. Hungary claimed they should have had a penalty when Jozsef Kiprich was brought down in a rare counter-attack but the referee overruled their protests.

**Oct 10 = Copenhagen – EC gp 4**
**Denmark 4** (M Laudrup 8, 49, Elstrup 38, Povlsen 89)
**Faroe Islands 1** (Allan Morkore 22)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 38,563. **Ref:** Haraldsson (Ice)

**Denmark:** Schmeichel – Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, Heintze, Bartram, Vilfort, Elstrup (Erik Rasmussen 73), Povlsen, M Laudrup, B Laudrup.

**Faroes:** Knudsen – Jakobsen, Tummas Eli Hansen, Danielsen, Julian Hansen, Allan Morkore (Jarnskor 88), Torkil Nielsen, Dam, Abraham Hansen, Reynheim, Kurt Morkore (Mohr 76).

No shock result this time for the Faroes but they could be proud of their resistance to Denmark. The Danes swept onto the attak from the first whistle and could have scored more in a game which saw yellow cards for both goalkeepers – Schmeichel for dissent, Knudsen for time-wasting. Michael Laudrup opened the scoring after eight minutes following a return pass from skipper Lars Olsen. But there was a surprise for the Danish fans when Allan Morkore equalised, converting a pass from Torkil Nielsen – the goal-scoring hero against Austria a month earlier. Denmark regained the lead when Lars Elstrup of Luton shot home a headed pass from Kim Vilfort. Michael Laudrup extended the lead soon after the start of the second half with a superb solo effort and Flemming Povlsen made it four with a last-minute header to a pass from John Sivebaek. The Faroes team were not too upset. Coach Pall Gudlaugsson said: "Given the number of chances Denmark created for themselves, to lose only 4-1 was really a moral victory for us."

**Oct 10 = Athens – intl friendly**
**Greece 6** (Saravakos 48, 78pen, 80pen, 88pen, 89, Tsaluhidis 44)
**Egypt 1** (Abdelghani 69)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Spasov (Bul)

**Greece:** Papadopulos – Apostolakis, G Papadopulos (Agoroyinnis 81), Kalitiakis, Manolas, Tsiantakis, Saravakos, Tsaluhidis, Dimitriadis (Borbokis 59), Karapialis, Kofidis (D Papadopulos).

**Egypt:** Shoubeir – *Ibrahim Hassan, Yassin, Ahmed Ramzy, Yaken, Hani Ramzy, Gamal (Agus 59), Abdelghani, Tolba, Rahman, Hossam Hassan. *Ibrahim Hassan sent off, 70min.

Striker Dimitris Saravakos was the hero of the day, scoring five times (including two penalties) to provide Egypt with a headache in the middle of their African Nations' Cup qualifying campaign. Not only did Saravakos score five of the Greeks' six goals he so frustrated the Egyptians that fullback Ibrahim Hasan was sent off in the 70th minute for kicking him on the ground.

**Oct 10 = Warsaw – intl friendly**
**Poland 2** (Kosecki 47, Ziober 62)
**United States 3** (Murray 15, Vermes 24, 44)
**HT:** 0-3. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Foechler (WG)

**Poland:** Bako (Wandzik 46) – Szewczyk, Kaczmarek, Wdowczyk, Czachowski, R Warzycha, Prusik (Nawrocki 46), Ziober, Kosecki, K Warzycha, Dziekanowski.

**United States:** Meola – Trittschuh, Balboa, Armstrong, Banks (Windischmann 46), Krumpe, Fraser, Ramos, Eichmann (Dayak 67), Vermes, Murray (Wynalda 80).

Poland, expecting a straightforward opportunity to test men and tactics before the following week's Wembley visit, found themselves on the brink of humiliation. The Americans led 3-0 at half-time and it was only second-half strikes from Roman Kosecki and Jacek Ziober which provided watching England manager Graham Taylor with a reminder of the Poles' potential.



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Bruce Murray shot home a pass from Tab Ramos in the 15th minute and Peter Vermes twice extended the lead – the Americans' third goal following Bako's fumbling attempt to stop a Ramos free kick.

**Oct 10 = Stockholm – intl friendly**
**Sweden 1** (Rehn 73pen)
**West Germany 3** (Klinsmann 28, Voller 38, Brehme 44)
**HT:** 0-3. **Att:** 20,396. **Ref:** Worrall (Eng)

**Sweden:** Ravelli – Vaattovaara, Hysen, Jan Eriksson, Roland Nilsson, Ingesson (Per Blom 80), Rehn, Ulrik Jansson (Erlingmark 60), Joakim Nilsson (Corneliusson 60) – Brolin, Pettersson.

**W Germany:** Aumann – Berthold, Binz, Helmer – Hassler, Moller (K Reinhardt 60), Matthaus, Strunz, Brehme (Riedle 60), Klinsmann, Voller.

Confusion surrounded the identity of the German team since political unification had been celebrated the previous week but football unification had yet to come in two stages – from November 22 for the national team and from next summer for domestic competition. There was no confusion, however, concerning the outcome of the match. The World Cup-holders swept into a three-goal half-time lead which they thoroughly deserved. Jurgen Klinsmann snapped up a loose ball to shoot the Germans ahead after 28 minutes, keeper Ravelli having managed only to parry a drive from sweeper Manfred Binz. Rudi Voller headed home an Andy Brehme cross for the Germans' second goal and Brehme himself smashed home a 25-yard third after a free kick touch from skipper Lothar Matthaus. In the second half German manager Berti Vogts experimented with a three-man attack, bringing on Karheinz Riedle for Brehme. But losing a man in midfield allowed the Swedes to find a route back into the game and they took advantage to seize a consolation penalty goal through Stefan Rehn. The spot-kick was awarded to the 1992 European championship hosts after Thomas Berthold brought down Tomas Brolin.

**EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP 1988-90**
**Sep 5 = Sarajevo – Final, 1st leg**
**Yugoslavia 2** (Suker 21, Jarni 64)
**Sov Union 4** (Sidelinikov 9, 47, Chernishev 42, Dobrovolski 84pen)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

**OTHER MATCHES**
Aug 3 = Romania Olympic XI 1, Congo 2.
Aug 4: Estrela Amadora 2, Angola 0.
Aug 14: Modena 0, Sov Union 2;
France U21 2, Poland U21 2.
Aug 18: Scotland 0, Scottish Lge XI 1.
Aug 21: Poland 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (in Gdansk).
Aug 22: Switzerland U21 0, Australia 0.
Aug 24: Lge of Ireland 2, Australia 2.
Aug 29: Veszprem 2, Hungary 7;
Portugal U21 1, W Germany U21 1.
Aug 31: Finland 0, Estonia 0.
Sep 4: Poland Olympic XI 1, Israel Olympic XI 0.
Sep 30: United States 2, Major Soccer Lge XI 0.
Oct 9: Sov Union U21 6, Israel U21 2.

**CLUB TOURNAMENT**
Oporto: Boavista 1, At Madrid 4; FC Porto 0, Standard Liege 0 (4-5pens). 3rd pl: Boavista 0, Porto 0 (4-3pens). Final: At Madrid 1, Standard 1 (4-3pens).

**ASIAN GAMES**
Semi-finals: Iran 1, S Korea 0 aet; N Korea 1, Thailand 0. 3rd place play-off: S Korea 1, Thailand 0. Final: Iran 0, N Korea 0 (Iran 4-1 on penalties after extra time).

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPT 23

AUSTRIA
Alpine 3 (Auffinger 25, Sabitzer 30, 42), Vienna 3 (Vidreis 6, 21, Drabits 57). Att: 3,500.
Vorwarts 1 (Stoffelbauer 39), Sturm Graz 3 (Wettl 16, Kristensen 62, 84). Att: 3,000.
Austria
Salzburg 0,
Tirol 1 (Gorosito 17). Att: 18,000.
Krems 0, Rapid 3 (Herzog 26, Fjortoft 27, Pfeifenberger 88). Att: 3,500.
FK Austria 3 (Hasenhuttl 20, 89, Milewskij 48), St Polten 0. Att: 2,000.
Admira 1 (Marschall 70), Wiener SC 0. Att: 3,000.

BELGIUM
Cercle 0,
Standard 0. Att: 3,500.
Gent 2 (Vandenbergh 32, Cooreman 83), Ekeren 0. Att: 8,000.
Mechelen 1 (B Versavel 20), Waregem 0. Att: 6,400.
St Truiden 0,
Brugge 2 (Ceulemans 74, Staelens 87). Att: 13,000.
Liege 0,
Lierse 0. Att: 6,000.
Kortrijk 1 (Goots 82), Anderlecht 7 (Degrijse 28, 39, 46, Musonda 11, Oliveira 59, Nilis 8, Kooiman 76). Att: 10,000.
RWDM 2 (Lorincz 16, De Jaegher 77), Genk 0. Att: 6,000.
Lokeren 3 (Bosmans 4, De Roover 15pen, Taibi 21), Beerschot 1 (Heymans 35pen). Att: 2,000.
Antwerp 1 (Lehnhoff 52), Charleroi 1 (Hoebrechts 10). Att: 4,000.

FRANCE
Bordeaux 1 (Ben Mabrouk 17), Sochaux 0. Att: 12,000.
Caen 0, Monaco 2 (Weah 21, Passi 57). Att: 12,000.
Lille 1 (Perilleux 43pen), Brest 0. Att: 6,500.
Lyon 0, Rennes 0. Att: 18,000.
Marseille 0,
Cannes 1 (Mlinaric 32). Att: 38,000.
Metz 2 (Asanovic 13, 64pen), Paris SG 2 (Angloma 44, Bravo 46). Att: 4,000.
Nantes 2 (Henry 54, Ndoram 74), Saint-Etienne 1 (Tibeuf 43pen). Att: 9,500.
Nice 0, Toulon 0. Att: 7,000.
Toulouse 0, Nancy 0. Att: 7,500.
Auxerre 3 (Butuel 8, Kovacs 63, Cocard 88),
Montpellier 2 (Guerin 32, Xuereb 78). Att: 10,000.

HOLLAND
SVV 1 (Van Velzen 9), Twente 1 (Mrkela 14). Att: 950.
Roda 2 (Arnold 83, Trost 87), NEC 2 (Arts 10, D'Avray 19). Att: 3,500.
Willem II 3 (Sylla 40, Feskens 44, Stewart 81), Feyenoord 2 (Griga 78, 86). Att: 10,000.
Sparta 1 (Helder 78),
Groningen 1 (Sass og 50). Att: 3,500.
Ajax 3 (Pettersson 7, Van't Schip 10, Willems 84),
Volendam 1 (Peters 34). Att: 18,200.
Den Haag 3 (Gentile 44, Valk 46, Danen 89pen),
Utrecht 1 (Alflen 64). Att: 4,900.
RKC 3 (De Wijs 10, Gouda 39, Brard 58pen),
MVV 2 (Lanckohr 19, Henegouwem 75). Att: 3,200.
Heerenveen 0,
PSV 3 (Ellerman 69, Romario 81pen, 89pen). Att: 10,000.
Vitesse 2 (Loeffen 10, Eijer 85),
Fortuna 3 (De Jong 44, Doufikar 65, Mordang 70). Att: 5,900.

ITALY
Atalanta 2 (Caniggia 4, Bonacina 44), Cagliari 1 (Francescoli 40). Att: 35,000.
Cesena 1 (Pierleoni 49),
Juventus 1 (Baggio 36). Att: 28,000.
Lecce 1 (Pasculli 25), Lazio 0. Att: 16,000.
Milan 2 (Van Basten 28, Massaro 65),
Fiorentina 1 (Fuser 60). Att: 70,000.
Parma 1 (Osio 63),
Napoli 0. Att: 18,000.
Pisa 0,
Genoa 0. Att: 20,000.
Roma 1 (Carnevale 48),
Bari 0. Att: 26,000.
Sampdoria 2 (Lombardo 49, Mikhailichenko 86),
Bologna 1 (Detari 89). Att: 35,000.
Torino 2 (M Vazquez 51, Lentini 79),
Inter 0. Att: 50,000.

PORTUGAL
Sporting 1 (Careca 89),
Belenenses 0.
Maritimo 0, Salgueiros 2.
Braga 2, Setubal 3.
Porto 2 (Geraldao 33, Madjer 89),
Estrela 0.
Benfica 1 (Rui Aguas 1), Boavista 1 (Walker 19).
Gil Vicente 0, Guimaraes 0.
Beira-Mar 3, Penafiel 0.
Tirsense 0, Uniao 1.
Chaves 1, Nacional 1.
Farense 1, Famalicao 0.

SPAIN
Barcelona 1 (Salinas 7),
Valladolid 0. Att: 94,700.
Gijon 3 (Jose Ablanedo 12, Manjarin 41, Oscar 53),
Bilbao 1 (Mendiguren 75). Att: 22,000.
Mallorca 4 (Guillermo 8, 65, Claudio 64, Marcos 86),
Espanol 0. Att: 17,900.
At Madrid 1 (Alfredo 5),
Tenerife 1 (Felipe 30). Att: 32,100.
Real Sociedad 2 (Aldridge 10, 86),
Logrones 0. Att: 17,000.
Osasuna 1 (Cholo 65), Brugos 0. Att: 19,200.
Cadiz 2 (Marcelo 1, Husillos 72),
Oviedo 1 (Carlos 25). Att: 12,000.
Castellon 3 (Raul 33, 89, Alcaniz 82),
Betis 1 (Mel 52). Att: 12,600.
Sevilla 2 (Salguero 3, Ramon 9),
Valencia 1 (Fernando 70pen). Att: 32,400.
Zaragoza 1 (Pardeza 73),
Real Madrid 3 (Sanchez 27, Tendillo 68, Hagi 85). Att: 33,600.

SWITZERLAND
Young Boys 3,
Luzern 0.
Aarau 0, Lausanne 1.
Lugano 3, Grasshoppers 1.
Servette 1, Wettingen 0.
Sion 2, Xamax 2.
Zurich 1, St Gallen 1.

WEST GERMANY
Nurnberg 3 (Wirsching 53, Wagner 62, Tuerr 82),
Fortuna Dusseldorf 0. Att: 15,500.
Wattenscheid 0, Hamburg 1 (Dammeier 61). Att: 8,000.
Bayern Munich 2 (Wohlfarth 4, Augenthaler 32),
Bochum 2 (Kohler og 47, Legat 84). Att: 29,000.
Hertha 0,
Werder Bremen 0. Att: 17,500.
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Lusch 18),
Borussia Mg 1 (Criens 29). Att: 36,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Falkenmayer 21),
Koln 0. Att: 19,500.
St Pauli 2 (Gronau 20, 42pen), Stuttgart 2 (Walter 56pen, Nils Schmaler 60). Att: 18,500.
Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kirsten 69),
Karlsruhe 0. Att: 9,500.
Uerdingen 3 (Zietsch 29, Fach 35, Krausz 48), Kaiserslautern 7 (Dooley 13, Haber 22, Hoffmann 32, 47, Lelle 58, Goldbaek 70, Kuntz 84). Att: 6,750.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPT 30

AUSTRIA
Austria Salzburg 1 (Freisinger 59),
DSV Alpine 2 (Stankovic 29, Auffinger 57). Att: 7,500.
Tirol 2 (Petrovic 31, Danek 51),
Vorwarts 2 (Waldhor 22, Novak 60). Att: 6,500.
Rapid 3 (Fjortoft 47, 68, Kern 57), Sturm Graz 1 (Wettl 43). Att: 7,500.
Wiener SC 2 (Jany 54, Bleyer 60),
Vienna 0. Att: 100.
Admira 0, FK Austria 3 (Milewski 17, Zsak 32, Flogel 80). Att: 3,500.
Krems 2 (Kempes 50, Perstling 52), St Polten 0 Att: 3,000.

BELGIUM
Midweek:
Mechelen 1 (Albert 36),
Brugge 1 (Ceulemans 87). Att: 13,700.
Genk 0,
Gent 3 (Rudy Janssens 41, 57, Viscaal 85). Att: 11,000.

Weekend: Standard 2 (Vandersmissen 42, Asselman 82),
Antwerp 1 (Claesen 64). Att: 20,000.
Beerschot 3 (Makhi 16, 66, Heymans 57), Cercle 2 (Weber 83, 89). Att: 3,000.
RWDM 0,
Mechelen 1 (B Versavel 85). Att: 7,500.
Lierse 0, Gent 1 (Veyt 30). Att: 7,500.
Brugge 3 (Booy 25, 82, Farina 85),
Liege 1 (Malbassa 62). Att: 11,000.
Charleroi 0, St Truiden 0. Att: 12,000.
Genk 0,
Anderlecht 3 (Nilis 11, Dewolf 56, Oliveira 64). Att: 14,800.

FRANCE
Monaco 1 (Sauzee 47pen),
Marseille 3 (Germain 34, Vercruysse 52, Papin 57). Att: 15,000.
Cannes 0, Toulouse 0. Att: 5,000.
Brest 5 (Bouquet 4, Salaun 28, 38, Fournier og 49, Cloarec 67), Caen 0. Att: 7,000.
Montpellier 3 (Xuereb 20, Ziober 29, Bails 70),
Nice 0. Att: 9,000.
Nancy 2 (Tarasiewicz 59, Gava 89),
Lyon 0. Att: 8,000.
Paris SG 1 (Angloma 75),
Nantes 1 (Robert 2). Att: 20,000.
Rennes 0,
Metz 2 (Huysman 49, Asanovic 72). Att: 7,000.
Sochaux 0, Lille 0. Att: 3,000.
Saint-Etienne 0, Bordeaux 0. Att: 12,000.
Toulon 2 (Pineda 77, Bernardet 85),
Auxerre 3 (Kovacs 16, 75, Scifo 63pen). Att: 8,000.

GREECE
Athinaikos 6, Doxa 2.
Aris 2, AEK 1.
Apollon 1 (Rammos 80),
Panathinaikos 4 (K Warzycha 29, Saravakos 75, Antoniou 86, 89).
Ionikos 2, PAS Ioannina 0.
Levadiakos 1, Iraklis 0.
PAOK 1, Pamnionios 0.
OFI 1, Xanthi 0.
Panachaiki 2, Larissa 0.
Panserraikos 2 (Havos 47, Petrounov 73), Olympiakos 2 (Mavromatis 35pen, Savichev 38).

HOLLAND
Heerenveen 1 (De Jong 48), Roda 2 (Trost 68, Boerebach 89). Att: 7,500.
PSV 4 (Vanenburg 30, 61, Ellerman 51, Romario 70),
Den Haag 0. Att: 22,400.
MVV 1 (Smeets 80),
Ajax 4 (Pettersson 44, 71, Bergkamp 65, Ronald De Boer 86). Att: 8,500.
NEC 3 (Lok 5, Arts 77, D'Avray 89),
Sparta 1 (Sandel 3). Att: 4,500.
Utrecht 1 (Van der Linden 7),
SVV 0. Att: 4,000.
Volendam v Vitesse pstpnd.
Groningen 4 (Olde Rierkering 10, Roossien 50, Meyer 56, Wilson 86),
Willem II (Stewart 88). Att: 13,200.
Twente 1 (Postma 58),
Fortuna 0. Att: 5,000.
Feyenoord 3 (Van der Laan 7, Griga 56, Blinker 73), RKC 0. Att: 13,200.

ITALY
Bari 2 (Joao Paolo 39, Di Cara 73),
Parma 2 (Brolin 59, Catanese 84). Att: 30,000.
Bologna 1 (Iliev 79),
Torino 0. Att: 20

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Lazio 3 (Madonna 8, Riedle 51, Sosa 88),
Bologna 1 (Iliev 78pen).
Att: 25,000.
Lecce 0,
Juventus 1 (Di Canio 83). Att: 38,000.
Milan 2 (Van Basten 4, 40pen),
Cagliari 0. Att: 72,000.
Parma 0,
Sampdoria 0.
Att: 18,000.
Pisa 0,
Fiorentina 4 (Fuser 41, Kubik 69pen, 77, Di Chiara 83).
Att: 20,000.
Torino 1 (Romano 59),
Roma 0.
Att: 30,000.

PORTUGAL
Benfica 4 (Rui Aguas 11, 88, Pacheco 48pen, Valdo 75), Estrela Amadora 0.
Beira Mar 2, Boavista 0.
Chaves 3, Famailcao 1.
Farense 0, Braga 0.
Gil Vicente 0, Salgueiros 0.
Guimaraes 3, Penafiel 0.
Porto 1 (Domingos 7), Nacional 2 (Heitor 39, Toninho 58).
Sporting 2 (Gomes 44pen, 68pen), Uniao 0.
Tirsense 1, Vitoria Setubal 1.
Maritimo 1, Belenenses 0.

SPAIN
Gijon 0, Burgos 0.
Att: 18,000.
At Madrid 2 (Juanito 4pen, Vizcaino 34),
Osasuna 2 (Bustingorri 61, Urban 85).
Att: 25,000.
Barcelona 4 (Paxti Salinas og 26, og 50, Kaudrup 61, 63),
Bilbao 1 (Valverde 34). Att: 73,000.
Castellon 5 (Alcaniz 1, 2, 26, 33, Javo 65),
Tenerife 1 (Felipe 88). Att: 10,000.
Sevilla 1 (Bengoechea 16),
Valladolid 0. Att: 30,000.
Mallorca 1 (Marina 44),
Betis 0. Att: 10,000.
Zaragoza 2 (Pardeza 25, Pasqual 42),
Valencia 1 (Fernando 51).
Att: 35,000.
Cadiz 0, Espanol 0. Att: 18,000.
Real Sociedad 1 (Atkinson 24),
Real Madrid 1 (Hugo Sanchez 17).
Att: 28,000.
Logrones 1 (Cristobal 61),
Oviedo 0.
Att: 12,000.

SWITZERLAND
Luzern 0, Sion 0.
Att: 10,400.
Neuchatel 0,
Young Boys 0. Att: 7,200.
St Gallen 3, Lugano 0. Att: 6,500.
Servette 0, Lausanne 3. Att: 11,500.
Wettingen 4, Aarau 3. Att: 4,400.
Zurich 1, Grasshoppers 2. Att: 13,200.

WEST GERMANY
Uerdingen 4 (W Funkel 12pen, 23, Zietsch 30, Bartram 83),
Bochum 1 (Kempe 44). Att: 11,200.
Nurnberg 2 (Weidemann 43, Wagner 84),
Werder Bremen 3 (K Allofs 18, 78, Bode 71). Att: 20,500.
Bayern Munich 4 (Strunz 53pen, Wohlfarth 58, 60, Kohler 88),
Borussia Mg 1 (Kastenmaier 76). Att: 51,000.
Hertha 0,
Koln 0. Att: 15,500.
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Povlsen 53),
Hamburg 1 (Doll 28). Att: 37,500.
Stuttgart 2 (Sammer 34, Kastl 84),
Karlsruhe 2 (Schutterle 1, Hermann 15).
Att: 22,600.
St Pauli 1 (Wolf 89),
Kaiserslautern 0. Att: 17,750.
Leverkusen 1 (Schreier 34),
Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Klotz 82). Att: 12,000.
Wattenscheid 1 (F Hartmann 34),
Eintracht Frankfurt 0.
Att: 12,000.

**EUROPEAN SUPERCUP 1990**
**Oct 10 = Genoa – first leg**
**Sampdoria 1** (Mikhailichenko 31)
**Milan 1** (Evani 39)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Rosa dos Santos (Portugal).

**Sampdoria:** Pagliuca – Mannini, Invernizzi, Pari, Lanna, L Pellegrini, Mikhailichenko, Lombardo, Branca, Mancini, Dossena.

**Milan:** Pazzagli – Tassotti, Costacurta, Gaudenzi, Galli, Baresi, Donadoni (Rijkaard 59), Ancelotti, Massaro, Gullit, Evani (Stroppa 70).

Milan reached out towards another European trophy as they held the holders of the Cup-winners' Cup on the first occasion the Supercup has been contested by clubs from the same country. A number of the stars who contributed to their respective European victories last season were missing because of injury. Sampdoria lacked Katanec, Cerezo, Vierchowod and Vialli while Milan missed Maldini and Van Basten and decided to use Rijkaard, because of his lack of match fitness after suspension, as a substitute.

Heavy rain over the previous few days had threatened the match but it went ahead in the end and the quality of play, conditions considered, was a tribute to both sides. Sampdoria's new Soviet attraction, Mikhailichenko, shot them ahead in the 31st minute, converting a pass from Mancini. But Milan hit back six minutes before the interval when Evani, that scorer of vital goals, volleyed home after a Donadoni corner was only half-cleared.

After the match fans fought a running battle with police; some 15 people were hurt in the incident which was followed by a remarkable public apology from the police for their over-enthusiastic use of force.

**CHAMPIONS' CUP**
**First round, first legs (Sep 19 unless stated)**
**OB Odense 1** (Per Pedersen 22)
**Real Madrid 4** (Aldana 18, Sanchez 27, Villaroya 83, Maqueda 88)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 8,200. **Ref:** Sellder (EG). Played Sep 18.

**OB:** Hogh – Nedergard, Topp Rasmussen, Margaard, L Hansen, Pettersson, Ziegler, Helveg, Donnerup (Bent Petersen 65), Jakobsen, Per Pedersen (Christensen 79).

**Madrid:** Buyo – Chendo, Aragon, Tendillo, Maqueda, Solana (Parra 47), Villaroya, Michel, Hagi (Losada 79), Aldana, Sanchez.

Madrid won comfortably despite the absences of the injured Butragueno, Milla and Llorente, the suspended Hierro and Sanchis and the ineligible Spasic. OB were without injured Denmark defender Johnny Hansen and sweeper Claus Jensen.

**Apoel 2** (Gogic 4, Pantzarias 77)
**Bayern Munich 3** (Reuter 70, McInally 86, Strunz 88)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Petrescu(Rom).

**Apoel:** Marangos – Costa, Cleanthous, Stazrai, Kouis – Saturic, Pantzarias, Mahgmitis (Christoforou 76), Gogic, Sotiris, Detrosian (Ioannides 84).

**Bayern:** Scheuer – Reiter, Bender, Kohler, Augenthaler, Effenberg, Dorfner, Sternkopf (Mihajlovic 72), Laudrup, Wohlfarth (McInally 65),Strunz.

**Dinamo Bucharest 4** (Dobos 3, Damaschin 20, Mateut 40, Cheregi 82)
**St Patrick's Atletic 0**
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Kaupe (Aus).

**Dinamo:** Stelea – Mihaescu, Rednic, Mateit, Selymesi, Dobos, Mateut, Zamfir (Cheregi 52), Timofte, Damaschin, Marcu (Radacanu 66).

**St Patrick's:** Devlin – Fleming, McDonnell, Byrne, Kelch, Fenlon, Tracey, O'Connor, Moody, Ennis (Lawless 33), O'Driscoll.

**KA Akureyri 1** (Bragason 12)
**CFKA Sredets 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 1,208. **Ref:** Sorensen(Den).

**KA:** Bragason – Jakobson, Laksdan, Holvorsson, Kristiansson, H Gudjonsson, B Johnsson (Harmasson), J Johnsson, Eynarsson (P Gudjonsson), Birgisson, Orlygsson.

**CFKA:** Apoltolov – E Dimitrov, Ivanov, Vitanov, Mladenov, Yanchev, Donev, Bakalov, Marashliev, Gherghiev, Bachev (Kirov; A Dimitrov).

**Lech Poznan 3** (Jakolcewicz 1, 19, Rzepka 61)
**Panathinaikos 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 13,063. **Ref:** Fredrisson (Swe).

**Lech:** Sidorczuk – Bereszynski, Jakolcewicz, Gebure, Rzepka, Skrzypczak, Kofnyt, Trzeciak (Wolosczuk 84), Pachelski (Bayer 76), Moskal, Juskowiak.

**Panathinaikos:** Wandzik – Antoniou, Kubanas, Pavlipoulos, Kalatsis, Georgamlis, Ziathanasiou, Vlachos (Samaras 71), Lupu (Malagas 60), K Warzycha.

**Lillestrom 1** (Halle 78)
**Club Brugge 1** (Staelens 2)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 1,939. **Ref:** Olsen (Ice)

**Lillestrom:** Ystenes – Schiller, Rasimus, Bjermann, Sognnaes, Pedersen, Osvold, Gulbrandsen, Halle, Buer, Amundsen.

**Brugge:** Verlinder – Creve (Somers 55), Plovie, L Disztl, Borkelmans, Verspaile, Staelens, Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Booy, Farina.

**Malmo 3** (Lindmann 29, Sundstrom 58, Cetin Recep og 62)
**Besiktas 2** (Ucar 52 and 60)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 5,580. **Ref:** Forstinger (Aus)

**Malmo:** Fedel – P Andersson, Nylen, Ekheim, Agren, Persson, Engqvist (Skammelsrud 79), Sundstrom, I Andersson, Dahlin (Larsson 79), Lindman.

**Besiktas:** Engin – Recep, Gokhan, Ulvi, Kadir, Riza, Senol, Mehmet, Feyyaz, Metin, Ali.
**Marseille 5** (Papin 44pen, 69, 75, Cantona 72, Vercruysse 89)
**Dinamo Tirana 1** (Tahiri 88pen)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Houben (Hol).

**Marseille:** Olmeta – Amoros, Casoni, Mozer, Germain., Waddle (Vercruysse 81), Tigana (Pele 46), Pardo, Stojkovic, Papin, Cantona.

**Dinamo:** Strakosha – Stafa, Sillo, Noga, Gjergji, Millori, Ibro, Briza, Canaj, Tahiri, Demollari (Daja 78).

A hat-trick from skipper Jean-Pierre Papin brought Marseille an easy victory. Dinamo lost more than the match, they lost a player as well. After the game defender Pjerin Noga slipped away from the team and asked for asylum.

**Napoli 3** (Baroni 35, Maradona 43, 77)
**Ujpest Dozsa 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Goethals (Bel).

**Napoli:** Galli – Rizzardi, Crippa, Alemao, Baroni (Venturin 77), Corradini, De Napoli, Careca, Maradona, Silenzi (Mauro 77).

**Ujpest:** Brockhauser – Varga (Bacsi 53), Kosa, Huszarik, Szlezak, Gyorgy Szabo, Fitos, Kecskes, Eszeny, Oroszki, Zsivotzky.

Two-goal Maradona inspired Napoli's victory to the delight of the crowd, who appeared to have forgotten the weekend's shock home defeat by promoted Cagliari. Maradona said later: "The crowd was wonderful, despite what happened at the weekend. I don't ever want to miss playing a match for them – even if they have to bring me on in a wheelchair."

**Porto 5** (Geraldao 7, Paille 16, 75, Kostadinov 32, Branco 48)
**Portadown 0**
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 5,000 (in Setubal). **Ref:** Bindels (Lux).

**Porto:** Victor Baia – Joao Pinto, Branco, Aloisio, Geraldao, Kiki, Semedo, G Couto, Domingos (J Placido 77), Paille, Kostadinov.

**Portadown:** Keenan – Major, Curtiss, Mckeeger, Strain, Stewart, Doolin, Cullingham, Magee (Fraser 79), Couran, Davidson (McCredel 56).

Porto were soon on their way to victory when Stewart deflected a Geraldao free kick past his own goalkeeper, Mickey Keenan. French striker Stephane Paille doubled the scoring by heading his first goal only nine minutes later.

**Red Star 1** (Binic 44)
**Grasshoppers 1** (Koezle 14)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It).

**Red Star:** Stojanovic – Radinovic (Sabanadzovic 65), Marovic, Jugovic, Belodedic, Vasiljevic, Prosinecki, Stojic, Pancev, Savicevic, Binic.

**Grasshoppers:** Brunner – Maier, Gamperle, Jren, Koller, Gretarsson, Wiederkehr, Sutter, Kosle (Wega 77), Bickel, D Visente.

Grasshoppers' pursuit of a decisive first leg lead was foiled by Red Star keeper Stojanovic.

**Sparta 0**
**Spartak Moscow 2** (Shalimov 25, Shmarov 58)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swz)

**Sparta:** Stejskal – Bielik, Trittschuh (Siegl 46), Mlejnek, Novotny – Bilek, Muvituva, Nemec, Vrabec – Cerny (Potany 78), Kukleta.

**Spartak:** Cherchesev – Pozdnyakov, Kultov, Balulev, Popov, Perepadenko (Cyradilenko 83), Karti, Popovich (Bushmanov 68), Shalimov, Shmarov, Mostovoi.

**Tirol 5** (Pacult 41, 58, 80, Gorosito 29, Prudio 35)
**Kuusysi 0**
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 7,250. **Ref:** Alexandrov (Bul).

**Tirol:** Lindenberger – Baur, Prudio, Hartmann, Russ, Peischl, Gorosito, Linzmaier (Mortnagl 68), Schneider, Danek, Pacult.

**Kuusysi:** Korhonen – Jantti, Pekonen, Saastamoinen, Rinne, Karvinen, Ammunen, Bostrom, Remes, Vehkakoski, Kinnunen (Keskitalo 65).

**Valetta 0**
**Rangers 4** (McCoist 16pen, 67, Johnston 75, 79)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Nicacise (Gr).

**Valetta:** Cini – Briffa, McKay, Laferla, Sciberras, Camilleri, Saliba, Giorev, Busuttil (Ajieff), Zarb, Zerafa.

**Rangers:** Woods – Gough, Stevens, Butcher, Munro (Brown), Steven, Spackman, Hateley, Johnston, Walters, McCoist.

**CUP-WINNERS' CUP**
**Pim round, first leg (Aug 22)**
**Bray Wanderers 1** (Nugent 52)
**Trabzonspor 1** (Djukic 2)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Piroux (Bel). At Tolka Pk, Dublin.

**Bray:** Moran – McKeever, Cosgrave, Doohan, Judge, Philips, Nugent, MacAuley (Parsons 80), Smith, Ryan, Corcoran (Lynch 57).

**Trabzonspor:** Petranovic – Ogun, Hamdi, Kemal, Sehmuz, Orhan, Unal (Tyrgut 46), Ivanovic, Soner, Hami, Djukic.

**Plm round, second leg (Sep 5)**
**Trabzonspor 2** (Djukic 47, Hamdi 60)
**Bray Wanderers 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Porimboiu (Rom) Trabzonspor 3-1 on agg

**Trabzonspor:** Levent – Sehmuz, Ogun, Kemal, Mehmet – Unal, Soner, Lemi (Orhan 46), Hami – Djukic (Turgut 75), Hamdi.

**Bray:** Moran – McKeever, Doohan, Philips, Cosgrave, Smith, Reynolds (Parsons 56), Judge, Lynch (Cairns 88), Nugent, Ryan.

**First round, first legs (Sept 19 unless stated)**
**Sliema Wanderers 1** (Walker 49)
**Dukla Praha 2** (Rada 33, Kostelnik 87)
Played: Sep 18,
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It). Played Sept 18.
**Estrela Amadora 1** (Ricky Ovuburiki 26)
**Neuchatel Xamax 1** (Beat Sutter 56)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel).
**Fram 3** (Ragnarsson 56, 58, Ormslev 85)
**Djurgardens 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 637. **Ref:** Wallace (Rt).
**Glentoran 1** (Douglas 84)
**Steaua Bucharest 1** (Stan 47pen)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Holleng (Nor).

**Glentoran:** Smyth – Neill, McCaffrey, Devine, Moore, Bowers, Campbell, Jameson, Douglas, Manley, Morrison.

**Steaua:** Stingaciu – Petrescu, Ungureanu, Bumbescu, D Minea, Iovan, Sedecaru, Dumitrescu, N Minea, Lazar, Istvan.

This may rank as Glentoran's finest display and/or result in Europe, against the former Champions' Cup holders. Not only did they deserve their draw but Glentoran skipper Terry Moore headed against the bar. Referee Holleng also turned down claims for a late penalty when substitute MacCartney apeared to be bundled over in the box.

**Kaiserslautern 1** (Kuntz 77)
**Sampdoria (holders) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol).

**Kaiserslautern:** Ehrmann – Kadlec, Friedmann, Scherr, Haber, Dooley, Lelle, Roos, Kranz (Hoffmann 52), Hotic, Kuntz.

**Sampdoria:** Pagliuca – Toninho Cerezo (Invernizzi 40), Pari, Vierchowod, **Lanna, *Bonetti, Dossena (Lombardo 80), Katanec, Mikhailichenko, Mancini, Vialli.
*Bonetti sent off 68min; **Lanna sent off 89min.

Holders Sampdoria did well to escape with only a one-goal deficit after having two players sent off in the second half. The Italians were better in the first half and exerted early pressure on Kaiserslautern thanks to the skills of Mancini, Vialli and Soviet star Mikhailichenko. However, 13 minutes from time Stefan Kuntz, playing despite knee trouble, headed home after a Roos corner.

**KPT 2** (Hyssonen 38, Gayle 89)
**Kiev Dynamo 2** (Salenkov 11, Yuran 67)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 2,460. **Ref:** Nervik (Nor). Legia Warsaw 3 (Kosecki 48, 79, L Pisz 89) Swift Hesperange 0
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 4,172. **Ref:** Natri (Fin).
**Manchester United 2** (Blackmore 8, Webb 16)
**Pecsi Munkas 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 28,411. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol).

**Man Utd:** Sealey – Irwin, Blackmore, Bruce, Phelan, Pallister, Webb, Ince (Sharpe 69), McClair, Robins (Hughes 78), Beardsmore.

**Pecsi:** Bodnar – Konya, Braun, Palacsky (Czerna 81), Balog, Berczy, Lovasz (Boyas 74), Tomka, Cseh, Megueri, Lehota.

United were the first English club to enter European competition so it was fitting that they should have been one of the clubs bringing English football back into Europe five years after the Heysel disaster. Early goals decided the match though United did not play well and could have scored many more. Lehota wasted the only chance the Hungarians created all night.

**Olympiakos 3** (Anastopulos 9, 69, Hadjidis 25)
**Flamurtari 1** (Ziu 75)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Uzunov (Bul).
**PSV Schwerin 0**
**FK Austria 2** (Milewskij 34, Zsak 36)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 835. **Ref:** Nielsen (Den). Salamina 0 Aberdeen 2 (Mason 62, Gallhaus 81)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Streng (Rom). Sliven 0 Juventus 2 (Schillaci 26, Baggio 88pen)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 17,600. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol).
**Trabzonspor 1** (Hamdi 68)
**Barcelona 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 27,500. **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun).
**Viking Stavanger 0**
**FC Liege 2** (Boffin 15, Hernes 82)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 1,845. **Ref:** Smith (Scot).
**Wrexham 0**
**Lyngby 0**
**Att:** 3,417. **Ref:** Van den Wijnaert (Bel).

**Wrexham:** Morris – Phillips, Beaumont, Owen, M Williams, Sertori, Cooper, Flynn (Hunter 65), Preece, Worthington, Bowden.

**Lyngby:** Windhorn – H Kuhn, Wighorst, Gothenbourg, Christiansen, Larsen, Helt, Schafer, F Christensen, Rode (Andersen 46), A Kuhn.

Wrexham had to bring in four reserves because of UEFA's interim ruling restricting the number of 'foreign' players per team.

**Montpellier 1** (Ziober 54)
**PSV Eindhoven 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG). Played: Sep 20

**Montpellier:** Barrabe – Baills (Blondeau 83), Thetis, Blanc, Lucchesi, Guerin, Lemoult, Valderrama, Suvrijn, Xuereb (Ferhaoui 89), Ziober.

**PSV:** Van Breukelen – De Jong, Valckx, Popescu, Heintze, Vanenberg, Koot, E Koeman, Chovanec (Kalusha Bwalya 83), Bosman, Romario.

Jacek Ziober, a potential European championship threat to new England manager Graham Taylor, struck a blow against the old England boss Bobby Robson as he scored the winning goal.

**UEFA CUP**
**First round, first legs (Sep 19 unless stated)**
**Avenir Beggen 2** (Krahn 36, 41)
**Inter Slovnaft 1** (Stojka 4)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Reygwart (Hol). Played Sept 18
**Borussia Dortmund 2** (Helmer 20, Mill 89)
**Chemnitz 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Martin Navarrete (Sp). Played Sept 18
**Glenavon 0**
**Bordeaux 0**
**Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor). Played Sept 18

**Glenavon:** Beck – Davies, Scappaticci, McCann, Byrne, McLoughlin, McConville, Ferguson, Blackledge, McBride, Conville.

**Bordeaux:** Bell – Dogon, Lizarazu, Senac, Battiston, Deschamps, Durand, Vervoort, Fargeon, Ferreri, Dugarry.

**Hafnarfjordur 1** (Bjorn Jonsson 2)
**Dundee Utd 3** (Jackson 32, Cleland 77, Jonsson og 89)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 213. **Ref:** Loughins (NI). Played Sept 18
**Hibernians Malta 0**
**Partizan 3** (Djurdjevic 15, Djordjevic 81, Mijatovic 89)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Karamanis (Gr). Played Sept 18
**Roda 1** (Arnold 40)
**Monaco 3** (Weah 27, Passi 44, Dib 88)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Larsson (Swe). Played Sept 18
**Sporting Club 1** (Cadete 37)
**Mechelen 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Hope (Scot). Played Sept 18
**Anderlecht 2** (Verheyen 64, Nilis 85pen)
**Petrolul Ploesti 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp).
**Antwerp 0**
**Ferencvaros 0**
**Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Sâva Valente (Por). Played Sep 20.
**Aston Villa 3** (Platt 31, Mountfield 58, Olney 79)
**Banik Ostrava 1** (Chylek 30)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 27,317. **Ref:** Neuner (WG).

**Villa:** Spink – Price, Gray, McGrath, Mountfield, Nielsen, Daley, Platt, Gage (Ormondroyd 46), Cowans, Cascarino (Olney 57).

**Banik:** Srinicek – Horvath, Kubanek, Kula, Skarabela, Sialini, Chylek, Stas, Ollender, Necas, Palinek.

**Atalanta 0**
**Dinamo Zagreb 0**
**Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Mikkelsen (Den).
**Bayer Leverkusen 1** (Kirsten 41)
**Twente Enschede 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Cooper (Wal).
**Brondby 5** (Christensen 54, 83, Oke Chukwu 9, Christofte 63pen, Madsen 80)
**Eintracht Frankfurt 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 12,400. **Ref:** Waddle (Sco).

**Brondby:** Schmeichel – Vilfort, L Olsen, Oke Chukwu, B Jensen, H Jensen, Christofte, C Jensen (Pingel 83), Rasmussen (H D Jensen 75), Christensen, Frank.

**Eintracht:** Stein – Binz, rbel, Roth, Klein, Iler, Lasse , Falkenmayer, Studer, Sippel, Eckstein (Turowski 60).

Eintracht's worst European defeat since they lost 7-3 to Real Madrid in a much more famous defeat in 1960 in the Champions' Cup final. This was one of the major shocks of the European wseek, produced by the most progressive of Danish clubs.

**Chernomorets Odessa 3** (Tsymbalar 3, Getsko 48, Kondratiev 58)
**Rosenborg 1** (Serlos 79)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 15,500. **Ref:** Hadjistefanou (Cyp).
**Derry 0 Vitesse 1** (Loeffen 18)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr)

**Derry:** Dalton – Curran, Brady, Healy, McCarthy, Coady, Carlyle, McGee, Speak, Gauld, Hanrahan.

**Vitesse:** Van der Gouw – Sturing, Straal, Bos, Vermeulen, Laamers, Van den Bron, Eijen, Latuheru, Van Arum, Loeffen.

Fortunately no-one was injured when an explosive device was thrown at security forces on mobile patrol near the ground an hour before the game. Sadly, that incident robbed the Brandywell of its reputation as a no-go area for terrorists. Derry played with great spirit, but Vitesse shaded the result thanks to a goal from Loeffen after Brady and McCarthy misjudged a thorugh ball from Eijen.

**Dnepr 1** (Gudimenko 56)
**Hearts 1** (Robertson 22)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 15,500. **Ref:** ckler (WG).

Hearts not only ended the day with a good result but with a new manager – Joe Jordan agreeing to leave Bristol City to succeed Alex MacDonald.

**Fenerbahce 3** (Vokri 34, Turan 40, Senol 62)
**Victoria Guimaraes 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Gregr (Cz).
GKS Katowice 3 (Heikkinen og 18, Strojek 54, Prabucki 81) TPs 0
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 3,037. **Ref:** Toroglu (Tur).
Iraklis Salonika 0 Valencia 0 **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Girard (Fr).
Lausanne 3 (Hottiger 50, 89, Chapuisat 78) Real Sociedad 2 (Lumbreras 17, Gajate 28)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 20,600. **Ref:** Rossner (EG).
Magdeburg 0 RoPs 0 **Att:** 3,250. **Ref:** McCluskey (Scot).
Moscow Torpedo 4 (Gitselov 15, Tishkov 26, 32, Grishin 44) GAIS 1 (Geransson 76)
**HT:** 4-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Zakestidis (Gr).
**MTK/VM 1** (Cservenkai 44)
**Luzern 1** (Knup 17)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Gifford (Wal).
**Norrkoping 0**
**In 0**
**Att:** 10,403. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel).

In, missing World Cup men Steiner and Littbarski, survive thanks to some fine saves from another Italia'90 hero, goalkeeper Bodo Illgner.

**Partizani 0**
**Un Craiova 1** (Ciurea 88)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 9,200. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr).
**Politehnica Timisoara 2** (Bungau 43pen, A Popescu 65)
**Atletico Madrid 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Namoglu (Tur)
**Rapid 2** (Pfeifenberger 56, Franz Weber 72)
**Internazionale 1** (Mattus 5)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr).

Ten people were injured in fighting which took place before the game, with Italian fans ripping out seats and throwing them at police. A pair of garden shears was among the weapons seized by security men.

**Roma 1** (Carnevale 1)
**Benfica 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 59,000. **Ref:** Roethlisberger (Swz).

**Roma:** Peruzzi – Berthold, Nela, Rizzitelli, Aldair, Comi, Desideri, Salsano, Iler, Giannini (Herolin 65), Carnevale.

**Benfica:** Silvino – Jose Carlos, Schwarz, William, Veloso, Samuel, Vitor Paneira, Valdo, Isaias (Lima 81), Thern, Rui Aguas.

**Sevilla 0**
**PAOK 0**
**Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus).
**Slavia Sofia 2** (Petkov 5, Ignatov 82)
**Omonia Nicosia 1** (Micinec 68)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Chekkhoiev(SU).
**Vejle 0**
**Admira Wacker 1** (Binder 65)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 2,400. **Ref:** Sundell (Swe).
**Zaglebie Lubin 0**
**Bologna 1** (Bonini 80)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Lund-Sorensen (Den).

**CHAMPIONS' CUP First round, second legs (Oct 3 unless stated)**
**Real Madrid 6 (Losada 13, 52, 73, Michel 34pen, Aldana 46, 85) OB 0 HT: 2-0. Att: 40,000. Ref: Martino (Swz). Played Oct 2.**
**Madrid 10-1 on agg**

**Rangers 6 (Dodds 5, Spencer 6, Johnston 23, 37, 78pen, McCoist 75) Valetta 0 HT: 4-0. Att: 20,627. Ref: King (Wal). Played Oct 2.**
**Rangers 10-0 on agg** Rangers: Woods – Stevens, Munro, Cowans (Robertson 46), Dodds (McCoist 57), Brown, Steven, Walters, Spencer, Johnston, Huistra. Valetta: Cini – Briffa, Mackay, Laferla, Sciberras, Camilleri, Saliba (Maujaon 89), Giorev, Agius (Busuttil 27), Zarb, Zerafa. Easy for Rangers. They might have had more but goalkeeper Chris Woods drove a 66th-minute penalty wide after Huistra was pulled down by Camilleri.

**Bayern Munich 4 (Augenthaler 48, Mihajlovic 63, 88, 89) Apoel 0 HT: 0-0. Att: 8,000. Ref: Azopardi (Ma). Played Oct 2.**
**Bayern 7-2 on agg** Bayern: Aumann – Augenthaler, Reuter, Kohler, Pflugler, Effenberg (Schwabl 62), Dorfner, Strunz, Bender, McInally (Laudrup 67), Mihajlovic. Apoel: Marangos – Kouis, Kosta, Stavrou, Cleanthous, Pantzarias, Christoforu (Betrosian 79), Fasouliotis (Magnitis 67), Sotiriou, Sapuric, Gogic.

**Besiktas 2 (Ali 30, Feyyaz 43) Malmo 2 (Ekheim 53, Skammelsrup 63) HT: 2-0. Att: 40,000. Ref: Wiesel (WG).**
**Malmo 5-4 on agg** Besiktas: Engin – Recep, Gokhan, Ulvi, Kadiz (Hailm 76), Riza, Senol, Mehmet, Ali, Metin, Feyyaz. Malmo: Fedel – Agren, Ekheim, Jonsson (Sundstrom 46), Persson, Engqvist, I Andersson, Nylen, P Andersson, Lindman, Dahlin (Skammelsrud 52).

**Brugge 2 (Booy 2, Farina 85) Lillestrom 0 HT: 1-0. Att: 14,000. Ref: Snoddy (NI).**
**Brugge 3-1 on agg** Brugge: Verlinden – Disztl, Plovie, Cossey, Borkelmans (Querter 89), Van der Elst, Staelens, Verspaille (Beyens 65), Ceulemans, Booy, Farina. Lillestrom: Ystenes – Schiller, Rasimus, Bjarmann, Halle, Pedersen (Tvedte 74), Gulbrandsen, Osvold, Buer (Sognas 74), Arnevag, Amundsen.

**CSKA Sofia 3 (Marashliev 19, 80, Georgiev 48) KA Akureyri 0 HT: 1-0. Att: 12,000. Ref: Kortenia (Alb).**
**CSKA 3-1 on agg** CSKA: Apostolov – E Dimitrov, Ivanov, Vitanov, Mladenov, Yanchev, Donev (Pavlov 85), Kinov, A Dimitrov (Bakalov 55), Marashliev, Georgiev. KA: Bragasson – Jakonsson, Laksdal, Halvorsson, Kristiansson, H Gudjonsson, B Johnsson, Haldorsson, J Johnsson (Hormansson 89), Eirnarsson (Hermansson 65), Birgisson.

**Dinamo Tirana 0 Marseille 0 Att: 10,000. Ref: Pairetto (It).**
**Marseille 5-1 on agg** Dinamo: Strakosha – Stafa, Silo, Daja, Gjergji, Milori, Demollari, Briza, Cnaj, Tahiri, Sina (Ferko 25). Marseille: Olmeta – Casoni, Mozer, Germain, Fournier, Waddle, Pardo (Pele 39), Vercruysse, Amoros (Mura 46), Papin, Cantona.

**Dynamo Dresden 3 (Jahnig 18, 44, Gutschow 34) US Luxembourg 0 HT: 3-0. Att: 6,250. Ref: Ignatowicz (Pol).**
**Dresden 3-0 on agg** Dresden: Teuber – Lieberam, Wagenhaus, Kern, Scholz, Stubner, Minge, Lux, Butner (Schossler 59), Jahnig (Allievi 53), Gutschow. US: Van Rijswijck – Birseus, Schonkert, Wolf, Ganser (Joachim 74), jeitz, Feiersen, Barbiconi, Groff (Chossy 86), Morocutti, Mogenot.

**Grasshoppers 1 (Kozle 62pen) Red Star 4 (Pancev 12, Prosinecki 48pen, Savicevic 59) HT: 0-1. Att: 25,500. Ref: Rosa dos Santos (Por).**
**Red Star 5-2 on agg** Grasshoppers: Brunner – Meier, Gren, Koller, Gamperle, A Sutter, De Vicente, Bickel (Sporza 60), Gretarsson, Kozle (Hasler 73), Strudal. Red Star: Stojanovic – Belodedic, Radinovic, Najdoski, Vasiljevic (Marovic 89), Stosic, Sabanadzovic, Savicevic (Jugovic 57), Prosinecki, Binic, Pancev.

**Kuusysi 1 (Vehkakoski 71pen) Tirol 2 (Pacult 5, 50pen) HT: 0-1. Att: 430. Ref: Wojcieck (Pol).**
**Tirol 7-1 on agg** Kuusysi: Korhonen (Kilpelainen 46) – Remes, Aaastamoinen, Vehkakoski, Janntti, Pekonen, Annunen, Bostrom, Keskitalo, Rinne (Motturi 69), Kinnunen. Tirol: Lindenberger – Hartmann, Bauer, Streiter, Russ, Pacult, Linzmaier, Peisch, Danek (Schneider 60), Gorosito, Hortnagl (Westerthaler 78),

**Moscow Spartak 2 (Perepadenko 33, Ivanov 49) Sparta 0 HT: 1-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Peschel (EG).**
**Spartak 4-0 on agg** Spartak: Cherchesov – Basulov, Kulkov, Popov, Pozdnyakov, Karpin, Perepadenko, Shalimov, Shmarov, Mostovoi, 0 Ivanov. Sparta: Stejskal (Sova 46) – Bielek (Mvitva 52), Mlejnek, Maticek, Bilek, Trittschuh, Matta, Novotny, Cerny, Kukleta, Bajant.

**Panathinaikos 1 (Saravakos 44) Lech Poznan 2 (Pahelski 68, Moscal 85) HT: 1-0. Att: 30,000. Ref: Galler (Swz).**
**Lech 5-1 on agg** Panathinaikos: Wandzik – Apostolakis, Hatzithanasiou, Georgamlis (Antoniou 46), Kalitzkis, Kurbomas, Saravakos, Kalamtsis, Warzycha, Vlahos (Samaras 46), Lupu. Lech: Sidorczik – Zepka, Jakolcewicz, Bereszynski, Lukasik, Kofnit, Gebura, Kritsiak, Moskal, Tretsiak (Buyer 52), Pahelski (Juskowiak 72).

**Portadown 1 (Fraser 36) FC Porto 8 (Madjer 9, 15, 33, 55, Semedo 40, Paille 50, 79, Couto 68) HT: 1-4. Att: 5,000. Ref: Sveinsson (Ice).**
**Porto 13-1 on agg** Portadown: Keenan (Magee 33) – Major, Curliss, McKeever (Davidson 75), Strain, Stewart, Doolin, McCreadie, Fraser, Cowan, Cunningham. Porto: Victor Baia – Joao Pinto, Branco, Aliosa, Geraldao, Kiki, J

*Derek Mountfield strikes to level things up for Villa in Czechoslovakia.*

# LIVERPOOL MUST GRIN AND BEAR IT

**BY DERICK ALLSOP**

**THE early skirmishes of England's clubs in Europe can only have deepened the frustration among Liverpool's record-breaking players.**

Manchester United and Aston Villa returned from Eastern Europe with victories that earned them remarkable, if contrasting, ties in the next round.

United meet Welsh club Wrexham – who play in the Fourth Division of the English Football League and are currently second from bottom – in the Cup-Winners' Cup and are already pondering their quarter-final possibilities.

Villa, on the other hand, have a UEFA Cup confrontation with Inter Milan. In the words of manager Josef Venglos: "It's like playing the rest of the world."

Inter might be grateful they don't have to play the team from Anfield, who won the first eight League matches of their campaign and threatened to turn the Championship into a non-event.

Tagged onto their winning sequence at the end of last season, it gave them 12 successive League victories, which established a club record and equalled the standard set by neighbours Everton 96 years ago.

## Reviving

Villa came out of the first round European ties with rather more credit than United. They held a 3-1 advantage from their home leg against Banik Ostrava but conceded a goal just before half-time in Czechoslovakia and were in grave danger of elimination.

They responded, however, with a spirited and more positive performance in the second half. Derek Mountfield – reviving memories of Everton success in Europe – equalised on the night and an own goal completed Villa's 5-2 aggregate triumph.

Villa's recovery made it the perfect trip home for Venglos, the former Czech national coach. He said: "This victory has given me enormous satisfaction. To return to my country and win like this is excellent."

United could hardly claim their win at Pecsi Munkas, a modest provincial Hungarian club, was excellent. In fact, a live television broadcast back home proved an endurance test for even the most faithful viewer.

Alex Ferguson's side had made heavy weather of the first leg, despite racing into a two-goal lead. Feeble though the opposition was, United were unable to extend that lead and presumably convinced themselves the second leg would be a hazardous exercise.

So they played with only one out-an-out forward, Mark Hughes, and prepared themselves for rearguard action. United's miscalculation was matched only by the ineptitude of the Hungarians.

United were never under threat yet it took them virtually the entire match to realise it. Brian McClair spared his team total embarrassment with a late, headed goal and they departed with a 3-0 aggregate win.

Captain Neil Webb – Bryan Robson is still out of the side following his latest operation – defended United's strategy, saying: "We went to do a job and we did it.

"We don't have to offer excuses, though we didn't perform all that well. It was a disciplined effort. If we'd gone out at the first hurdle there would have been suggestions that English clubs didn't deserve to get back in the first place."

Back at home, Liverpool's opponents were riddled by the same fear. United were among their victims, beaten 4-0 at Anfield. Peter Beardsley, in brilliant form this season, claimed a hat-trick.

*Peter Beardsley*

Beardsley scored two more in the 3-2 win at Everton and was on hand to apply the finishing touch to John Barnes' splendid approach play in the 2-0 victory over Derby which made it eight out of eight.

Arsenal kept up the challenge of the rest, beating a struggling Norwich City 2-0 at Highbury to stay a mere six points adrift. Paul Davis, restored to fitness and form, scored both goals.

George Graham's side have produced some enterprising football this season, fired by Swedish international Anders Limpar. His relationship with the club was soured, however, by a row over his release for the match against West Germany.

Graham said that Limpar had been injured in the game against Norwich and would not be fit to travel. The player insisted he was not injured and defiantly flew out of Heathrow.

Limpar said: "George Graham did not want me to play. He said I was injured, but I am not. Earlier in the week I had a slight hamstring strain but I did not feel anything in the game. I am not sure of a place in the Swedish team and was desperate to go and show what I could do."

## Charming

Paul Gascoigne has been showing what he can do: dismantling defences, scoring goals, charming the fans and occasionally annoying the man in charge.

The net result has been a promising opening to the season for Tottenham.

On a sad note last month saw the death of Brian Clough's former sidekick Peter Taylor. They were players together at Middlesbrough and stepped out onto the management trail together with Hartlepool. They took the League title to Derby and Nottingham, and twice guided Forest to European Cup success.

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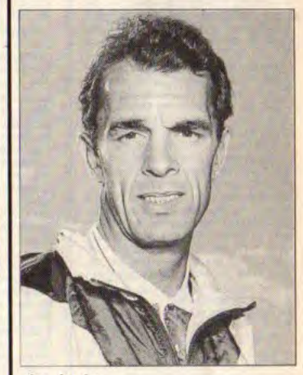

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## Simmering

The players responded in suitable fashion and an impressive 4-2 aggregate win over Ukrainian side Dnepropetsk in the first round of the UEFA Cup constituted what Hearts fans will anticipate as the first of many achievements under the new regime.

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Another major talking point in Scottish football at the moment is the form of striker Owen Coyle of First Division promotion favourites Airdrie. During September he scored three hat-tricks in successive matches, a feat thought to have been performed only three times in Britain before then.

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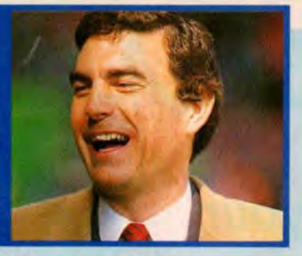

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